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GOVERNOR DEFENDS INCOME TAX

"Not A Mere Doctrinaire Opinion" "Direct Taxation The Most Appropriate Method"

"The Government has taken into its consideration all the representations that have been made... and it remains of the opinion that a measure of direct taxation is the most appropriate method of providing for some of the essential expenditure of this Colony in present circumstances," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, when the Inland Revenue Bill—better known in Hong Kong as the "Income Tax Bill"—came up for its first reading before Legislative Council yesterday.

BANKING LAW PASSED

Nanking, Apr. 24. China's new banking law was unanimously passed by the Legislative Yuan this morning. No important changes pertaining to foreign banks were made in the regulations originally drafted. The law provides that foreign banks after admission and registration have been approved shall not operate as savings and trust banks and that all transactions must be in Chinese currency unless the Central Bank of China authorizes otherwise.—Reuter.

U.K. Exports' Heavy Drop

London, Apr. 23. The value of United Kingdom exports for March was £82,600,000, the lowest figure (except for the shorter month of February) since September last year, the Board of Trade announced today. The transport and shipment of goods for export was still being hindered by bad weather. The closing down of industrial firms in February also had some effect towards the end of the period. Allowing for the rise in prices since 1938, the volume of exports in March is estimated provisionally at 99 per cent of the 1938 volume as compared with 112 per cent in January. Imports in March (£130,000,000) were higher than in any month since December, 1935 and exceed those in January by £8,600,000, or 11 per cent.—Reuter.

Royal Family On Way Home

Capetown, Apr. 23. Britain's Royal Family is beginning to feel the strain of the 7,000-mile tour of South Africa, which ends tomorrow. They sail for home in HMS "Vanguard," 82 days after leaving England.

Queen Elizabeth made this admission during an informal chat with representatives of the press who had accompanied the tour. After shaking hands with them, she presented each with a commemorative medal and inquired if they also were exhausted after the trip.

The Queen added that they had lost their "level" and that their "level" was ending.

Today's programme was as full as any the Royal Family have undertaken.

It started with the ascent of Table Mountain by cable railway, followed by a garden party, a final shopping tour by the Queen, attendance by Princess Elizabeth at a G.I. Guides' rally, and an inspection by King George of a parade of ex-Servicemen.

The Royal Family also received the chauffeurs who had driven them throughout the tour.

While they were on the summit of Table Mountain, Princess Elizabeth, Mount Vernon, Prince Philip, and the Duke of Edinburgh, who accompanied the tour, were seen by the press.

His Excellency said that Government realised that the opposition to the bill was not due to "the ordinary human being's dislike of taxation in any form" but was due "to a conviction held by many people in this Colony that this is not the best or the most appropriate form of taxation for Hong Kong." He would say, quite frankly, that Government "is of a contrary opinion."

At the conclusion of his address on the subject, His Excellency said that the United Kingdom was the most heavily taxed country in the world today. It would be too much to expect that representations in regard to war payments would be sympathetically received if Hong Kong did not make "adequate and even painful efforts" at least to pay its way in the future.

"The Council will appreciate that in addition to the reasons which have already been given for the passing of this Bill into law, there is the reason that this step will serve to convince His Majesty's Government that these efforts are, in fact, being made," he concluded.

When he moved the first reading of the Bill, the Financial Secretary said that amendments recently made, it was now hoped, would render the Bill at least "more palatable to the community as a whole, and also remove most of the objections which have been advanced against it."

Highlights of his speech were: Tax is to be restricted to income arising in or derived from the Colony, as Hong Kong differs from the majority of colonial dependencies in that a number of head offices of important businesses are established here. Taxpayers are given the option of having their profit assessments reduced to the actual earnings or profits for the year 1947-48.

Provision has been made to exempt war gratuities, pensions and the emoluments of members of the Forces from tax.

Traders will not be compelled to keep their accounts in European form, as the Inland Revenue Department will have officers capable of investigating

and assessing Chinese accounts. In general, he submitted that the effects of the new measure are "by no means as onerous as many of the critics have represented."

The Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary said: "I beg to move that a Bill intituled 'An Ordinance to impose a Tax on Earnings and Profits' be now read a first time."

"It would be idle to pretend that there has not been a great deal of opposition to this Bill and doubtless Honourable Members will have a good deal to say about it in the course of the debate on the second reading. This afternoon I propose to confine myself to a detailed explanation of the measure and I hope to demonstrate that the amendments which have recently been made in it will at least render the Bill more palatable to the community as a whole, and also remove most of the objections which have been advanced against it."

"Honourable Members will recall that in September, 1946, Your Excellency appointed a Taxation Committee to review taxation generally with the object of reducing as rapidly as possible our dependence on His Majesty's Government for financial aid. In particular the Committee was asked to consider the desirability of replacing the War Revenue Ordinance, which is still on the Statute Book, by the introduction of a tax on incomes."

Modified Bill

"The Committee agreed that such a tax would theoretically result in the most equitable distribution of the burden of taxation, and they expressed the view that taxation of this kind was inevitable if the budget was to be balanced. They considered that any income tax legislation must be as simple as possible and that some departure from general practice elsewhere would be necessary. They therefore recommended that the War Revenue Ordinance should be completely replaced and with this object in view Mr. Pudney, who has since been appointed Commissioner of Inland Revenue, was sent to London to consult with experts of the Department of Inland Revenue there."

"The Bill which is now before Council represents the results of these consultations but it has been modified in a number of respects since it was first published for general information on March 7th. Following that publication, the Taxation Committee was invited to express their views on the Bill and for this purpose the Committee was appointed by the inclusion in its number of all the Unofficial Members of this Honourable Council."

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DISTURBANCE IN THE HOUSE

London, Apr. 23. During the debate on the budget in the House of Commons this evening, a slightly-built white-haired man rose in the Strangers' Gallery and, waving his arms, shouted: "There will be civil war in this country unless the speed limit of 30 miles an hour is applied to all roads of the country!" He was seized by attendants and as he was escorted from the gallery turned and shouted again: "God cannot and will not allow—the rest of the sentence being inaudible as an attendant held a hand over the man's mouth. The man struggled for some moments as he was escorted from the gallery.—Reuter.

Sister In Air Drama

From an R.A.F. Sunderland flying boat newly arrived in Kowloon Bay from Okinawa, a nursing sister, dangerously ill and rapidly losing strength, was transferred by stretcher yesterday afternoon to an R.A.F. seaplane tender, and was immediately whisked away to the military hospital in Hong Kong.

The patient was Sister Prest, a nurse attached to the Indian General Hospital in Kure, Japan, who, accompanied by a medical escort of an R.A.M.C. doctor and a nursing sister, set out from Japan on Tuesday on board an 88 Squadron flying boat, returning on the second leg of its scheduled Hong Kong-Iwakuni run.

Owing to foul weather en route, this aircraft, some few hundred miles out from Japan, was diverted to Okinawa. Here the patient was immediately installed aboard a depot ship of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. "Dunbury Bay" where she was accorded first-class medical treatment. The meteorological forecast on Wednesday being so poor, the aircraft was unable to embark on the second and last stage of its flight until this morning.

Hazardous Job

The re-transfer from the depot ship to the flying boat was fraught with hazard for high seas were running making careful handling of the stretcher extremely difficult.

A small R.A.F. launch was awaiting the plane when it touched down in Kowloon Bay at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, with Squadron Leader Brown, the Kai Tak Station medical officer on board. He immediately went aboard the flying boat and made arrangements for the patient's transfer to the launch. This being quickly accomplished, Sister Prest was conveyed to the Kai Tak ferry where, put aboard a heavier craft, an R.A.F. seaplane tender, she was rushed across the bay to Hong Kong, to be admitted to 28 British Military Hospital shortly afterwards.

It is understood that Sister Prest will be flown direct to Britain by B.O.A.C. aircraft at the end of the week.

view was also expressed by all except three of the Unofficial Members of the Committee that in their opinion it was imperative that the standard rate should be low and that it should not exceed ten per cent. They also considered that the Bill required more detailed examination. Hon. Mr. Young said that he would refer the Bill to the Finance Committee for consideration.

55 Dead In Sea Disaster

Porthcawl, Wales, Apr. 24. Ten seamen were known to be dead and 45 others, including a lifeboat crew of 15, were believed to have perished when the British steamer Samtampa piled up on the rocks in one of the worst disasters in the history of the Welsh Coast.

The ship broke in three pieces after 80-mile-per-hour winds had driven her on the rocks several hundred yards off Sker Point—a dread landmark in the Bristol Channel.

A lifeboat, carrying a crew of 15, put out from the shore in an effort to rescue the Samtampa's crew of 40. Several hours later this lifeboat was found bottom up on the beach about quarter of a mile from the wreck. Its crew had vanished without a trace.

The bodies of 10 of the ship's men were washed ashore near here and were recovered by the Coast Guard rescue boat, which managed to get close to the wreckage but found no sign of life.—United Press.

C.N.C. Hits A New Low

Shanghai, Apr. 24. Outlawed underground transactions in foreign currencies depressed the black market value of Chinese currency to a new low, reported in business circles at US\$1 to CN\$22,000, compared with the official rate of US\$1 to CN\$12,000.

At the same time, gold bars were reported to be fetching CN\$1,100,000 an ounce compared with the official rate of CN\$480,000 an ounce.

Prices appeared to be keeping pace with this trend.

A survey by the English-language Chinese-owned "China Press," owned at one time by ex-Minister of Finance Dr. H.H. Kung, showed business circles generally favoured a free market for foreign exchange because of the failure and ineffectiveness of the present controls.

The highest denomination of Chinese currency now in circulation is CN\$10,000, but, hitherto, only a limited amount has been issued.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

The anti-cyclone has increased slightly in intensity. It now covers the whole of China and extends Eastward to Korea. A deep depression remains to the NE of Hainan with a trend of low pressure extending across Japan to the Loochoos and thence to the Gulf of Tonkin. A small depression is moving ENE over the Northern Loochoos.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and SE winds, cloudy, with occasional rain. Humid.

Yesterday's Temperature:—Maximum 72° F., Minimum 62° F. Humidity 80-90%. Sunshine:—Nil.

Rainfall: 0.2 mm. = 0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1-1947 24.1 in. as against an average of 24.0 in.

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HOTEL DEATH FALL

Honolulu, Apr. 24. Oliver Alexander Brewster, 50-year-old business man and a former Group Captain in the Royal Australian Air Force, died on Wednesday in a fall from the fifth floor of the Taj Mahal Hotel 80 feet to the hotel garden. He had arrived from London an hour earlier.—Associated Press.

Socony In Portugal

Lisbon, Apr. 23. The Portuguese Government has authorised the Standard Oil Company to set up bunkers in Lisbon.

The company will begin building installations for approximately 30,000 tons of fuel and diesel oils this year. It is reliably learned that a similar licence has been granted to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The entry of these companies into Portugal ends the Shell Oil Company's monopoly in this country. These additional fuelling facilities are expected to attract a greater amount of shipping to Lisbon.—Reuter.

Britons Returning To Church

London, Apr. 23. Dr. J. W. C. Wand, Bishop of London, said today in an interview that Britons were swinging back to religion after seeing the fruits of their wartime looting—50,000 divorces a year and the climbing rate of crime. "They are realising that something is missing, and they are coming back to the church for that something," the Church of England's top bishop said.

Dr. Wand, who has been one of the leaders against easy divorce in the House of Lords, said the problem could be licked by wider use of England's Marriage Guidance Councils; church supervised preparations for marriage; and an injection of "solemnity" in civil marriages at the Registry.

Dr. Wand said the question of marriage and divorce would be high on the agenda at the Lambeth conference of the Church of England, in July, 1948. At the last conference in 1937, birth control was accepted under certain conditions and that it would probably be discussed again.

Dr. Wand said an unprecedented laxity in morals occurred during the war in England. "Most of it was due to overlong separation of wives from their husbands," he said. "They were alright for about three years, but after that period something went wrong."

He said many persons lost the habit of going to church during the war years, because of Sunday shifts and Army service. They had been prevented from resuming the habit since then because of damage to so many of England's church buildings.

To take the church to the people, Dr. Wand said, he had assumed the chairmanship of the Christian Commando campaign in London which will take services into factories, movie houses and any place else where people congregate.

Returning to Britain's booming divorce rate, he said the church was giving half support to the marriage guidance clinics where so many marriages headed for the rocks were salvaged.

He said the church wanted to step in even before they got to that stage, however, and were urging young engaged couples to talk to their pastor before taking the vows. He said Church of England clergy gave young couples primarily advice of all aspects of wedded life.

Dr. Wand said he would leave on May 1st for the Queen Elizabeth for New York to take part in the ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Church of England's foundation.

TALK OF FRESH LOAN TO CHINA

Shanghai, Apr. 24. A dispatch from Nanking to the China Evening News, quoting reliable sources, said the Chinese Government is seeking a loan of between \$600,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 from Washington to finance the post-war reconstruction programme which "has already been mapped out."

The paper said this loan would be sought over and above the long-delayed \$500,000,000 Import-Export Bank loan.

It said the Government also is drawing up a detailed programme for the expenditure of the \$500,000,000. This programme will be forwarded to the United States Government before the end of June.

The paper said the latter sum would be spent primarily for transportation facilities. It said the programme will be designed so that most of the loan will be spent on American exportable equipment—apparently as a measure to induce the United States Government to grant the credit.

U.S. Agreement

Despite Washington dispatches quoting Government officials as desiring still to adopt a wait-and-see policy regarding the China situation before deciding on the originally earmarked \$500,000,000 loan, the Chinese press has been claiming virtual United States agreement to the loan and hinting that it will be forthcoming soon since Gen. George Marshall worked closely with China's new Premier, Gen. Chiang Ching, on the Committee of Three during the unsuccessful mediation attempt.

These papers argued that with the Government reorganised, Gen. Marshall would be likely to approve the loan and possibly agree to additional larger sums.—United Press.

RAF Medics Probe Noise Effect

London, Apr. 24. RAF medical officers are investigating the dangerous effects of too much noise of jet-propelled planes.

A "Moloch" jet fighter apparently is no noisier than a "Spitfire" and if a pilot is seated in front of the engine and wears his helmet there are no ill effects.

If he takes off his helmet, however, deafness is likely to result.

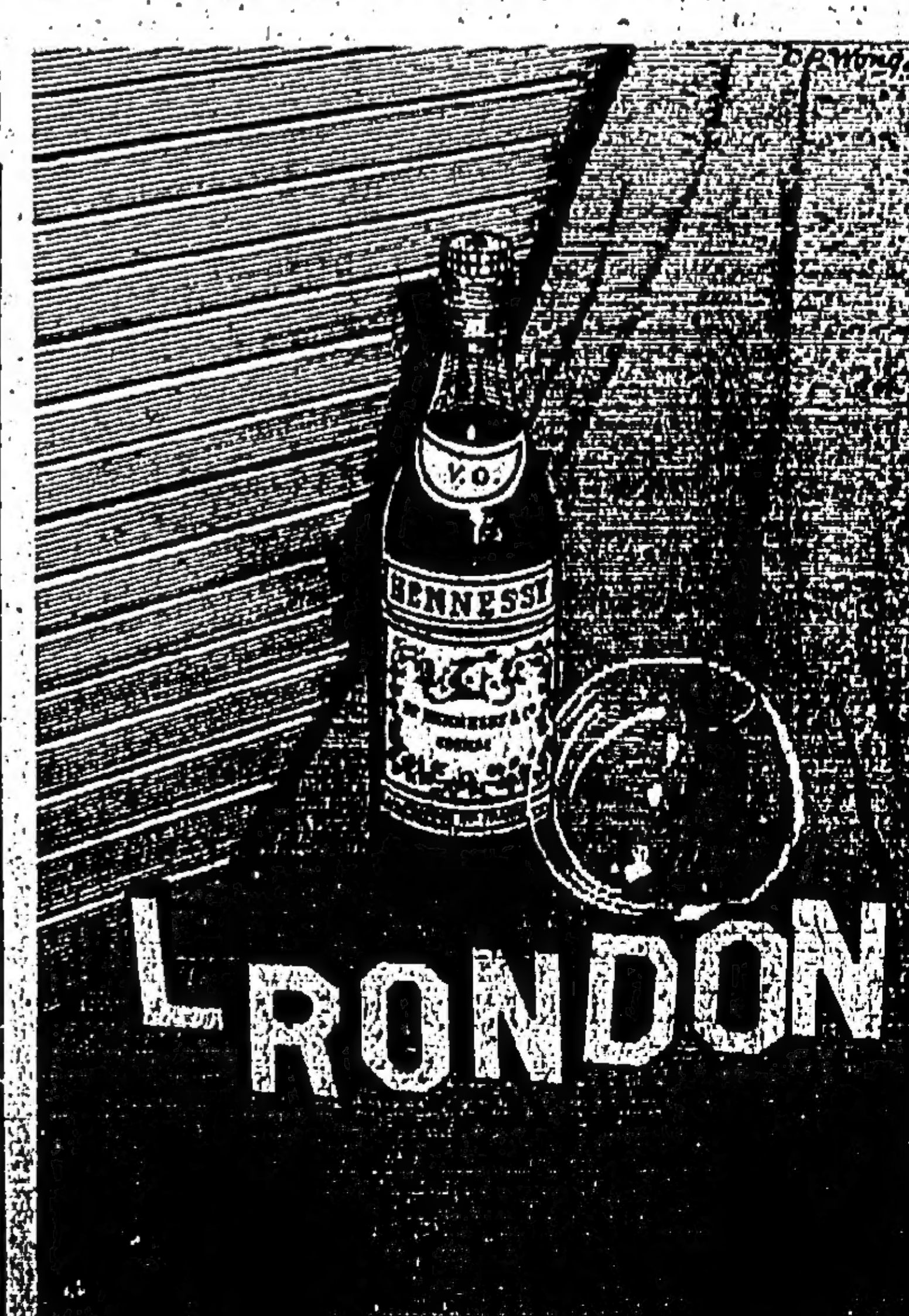
More dangerous than noise which can be heard is that which is inaudible. After exposure to intense noise pilots sometimes complain that they walk unsteadily and generally feel weak or lethargic.

Jet planes are being modified for aerial reconnaissance in Britain. Chief difficulty is their short range. Air reconnaissance is being widely used in industry and civil planning.

party near Changchun, capital of Manchuria.

The two officers were captured while observing frontline fighting between the Government and Communists near Changchun.—Associated Press.

HENNESSY COGNAC BRANDY



MORE BUDGET CRITICISMS

Mr. Dalton Hints At A Reduction In Income Tax Next Year--Maybe

Sixpence Reduction "Impossible" Now

London, Apr. 23. Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, intimated in the debate on the budget in the House of Commons tonight that the standard rate of income tax at nine shillings in the pound this year would probably be reduced next year.

A resolution on income tax was approved by the House after Mr. Dalton, against strong Conservative opposition, defended his decision to give income tax relief this year only by increasing the child allowances and the tax-free allowance on earned income.

Labour Government Criticised

London, Apr. 24. Labour Members of Parliament bitterly attacked the Labour Government today for leaving them holding the bag when the Cabinet reduced the conscription period from 18 to 12 months.

The showdown came during a private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party in the House of Commons, attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and other Cabinet Ministers.

The "Evening News" says a Government whip led the attack on Government for reducing the conscription period without warning, after asking Labour MPs to tell their constituents that it would be impossible to train conscripts in less than 18 months.

Members directed their criticism principally at the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, who had been adamant against any reduction during the conscription debate on the 18 months issue.

Mr. Attlee replied that Government, after a new survey, had decided that a shorter period could be instituted without affecting the needs of the armed services.

He appealed for 10 per cent Party support when the 12-month amendment comes before the House, probably next week. Seventy-two Labourites voted against Government on the second reading of the bill on April 1. At that time the bill specified that conscripts should serve 18 months.—United Press.

APPEAL REJECTED

Herford, Apr. 23. The Allied Control Commission Appeal Court today rejected the appeal by two Russians sentenced to death at Düsseldorf for the murder of a German.

The Russians were living in displaced persons' camp, posing as Poles at the time of the crime.

Their British counsel contended that as former Russian prisoners

It would have cost £72,000,000 to reduce the standard rate by sixpence, almost as much as the other two reliefs put together. Because of Britain's financial position, he had decided to wait at any rate for another year.

The suggestions for a reduction of the surtax—now reaching a maximum of 19 shillings and sixpence in the pound—were quite inconsiderable, he said.

Answering an argument that it was unfair to tax invested income, Mr. Dalton said that his present reductions had definitely differentiated in favour of earned income, and families who benefited from the child allowances would, for the most part, be those who were dependent on earned incomes.

Two Groups
People with large incomes fall definitely into two groups. They either derive their incomes almost totally from earnings, or almost totally from investments, he said.

Mr. Dalton emphasised that "nobody at all" actually paid an effective rate of income tax at 19/6 on his whole income.

Conservative members Ralph Aschton, Roland Jennings and Colonel Alan Dower argued that the Government was penalizing the higher earning professional man, whose business enterprise was being stifled by lack of incentive.

Energy Wasted?
Colonel Dower said that more and more energy was being wasted by all sections of the community striving to add up their expenses to save an extra sixpence on their income tax.

Conservative Rupert Boothby, advocating a differentiation at the higher as well as the lower rate of income tax, declared that there was no reason why men who had the energy and initiative to earn £1,000 a year should be taxed at the same rate of a man who happened to inherit a fortune.

A Labour Member, Mr. J. A. Sparks, suggested: "We are evolving a new system of society in which this money incentive is going to take a very backward place."—Reuter.

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NUNS TOLD TO SWING IT!

Seranton, Pa., Apr. 23. Six hundred nuns were told they should include popular music in teaching at Catholic schools "since much of it is the folk music of the nation."

The Rev. Thomas J. Quigley, superintendent of Catholic schools in Pittsburgh, advised the nuns, at the first biennial conference of the Pennsylvania Unit of the National Catholic Music Educators Association, not to ignore or denounce popular music.—United Press.

STENCH BOMBS GREET OPERA SINGER

Philadelphia, Apr. 23. Stench bombs, boos and fisticuffs greeted the appearance of Norwegian soprano Kirsten Flagstad in Philadelphia's staid Academy of Music today.

The demonstration inside the theatre by a handful of hecklers threw the concert into tumult after several hundred pickets and a crowd of 5,000 gathered outside.

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Winnie Lays Out In All Directions

Woodford, Essex, Apr. 24. Accusations that the Labour Government is evidently casting away "the mighty Indian Empire" were made last night by Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's war-time Prime Minister, when speaking at his constituency here.

Palestine, he asserted, is of far less importance to Britain than India, but there are four times as many troops in Palestine as in India. Britain is fighting to give Palestine to the Arabs, he added.

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Lords' Debate On Palestine

London, Apr. 23. The Palestine situation was discussed today in the House of Lords, where Viscount Hall, speaking for the Government, said that terrorism in Palestine was on a minor scale during the war years and few casualties were caused.

Casualties since August 1, 1945, however, were: Killed—68 military, 30 police and 15 civilians. Wounded (including assaulted)—191 military, 49 police and 9 civilians. These figures, said Viscount Hall, did not include casualties in the recent Palestine railway disaster caused by a terrorist mine, of which full reports had not yet been received.

During the same period, 168 Jews were convicted for terrorist activities, 28 sentenced to death and four executed, while 22 persons had their sentences reduced to life imprisonment and two persons had recently committed suicide while lying under sentence of death.

In clashes with the police, 33 terrorists were known to have been killed and at least 29 wounded.

Asked how the two men who had committed suicide had taken explosives into their cells, Viscount Hall replied that the explosives were taken to the cells inside oranges. The inside of the orange had been taken out and explosives substituted.

Opening the debate in the House of Lords, Lord Altrincham, former Minister Resident in the Middle East, described the conditions of illegal immigration traffic as "inhuman, disgusting and disgraceful," but the disgrace to the name of civilisation was not the fault of Britain.

Every civilised country was bound to resist an unauthorised and unfiltered rush of immigrants into territory for which it was responsible.

The cause of the evil of illegal immigration was the suffering and helplessness of the displaced persons in the camps in Europe.

Britain could not morally demand that the Arab people alone should accept Jewish immigrants. There would be no reduction of tension until the problem of displaced persons living hopelessly in camps was settled.

Intelligence Poor
Lord Altrincham said that the Government was entitled to demand wholehearted cooperation of the Jewish Agency against terrorism. He felt more doubtful about asking for the cooperation of the Jewish population in general, for if the Government could not guarantee them security they would be

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

SATURDAY, 26th April, 1947.

The First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (8 Races—\$10) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$2,000) on the last race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANT'S PASSES.
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By ORDER
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.,
will be held at its Registered
Office, Exchange Building,
Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the
7th day of May, 1947, at 12.15
p.m. (or as soon thereafter as
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to
be held at noon on that date
shall have been concluded) for
the purpose of considering and,
if thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Or-
dinary Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$5,000,000,—by the creation
of Three Hundred and Four
Thousand, Five Hundred
and Six additional new
shares of Ten Dollars each
to be issued at such time
or times and on such terms
and conditions in every re-
spect as the Company's
Board of Directors may
think fit."

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. TAYLOR,
MANAGER & SECRETARY.

Dated this 22nd Day of April,
1947.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Fifty-Fourth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company, Ex-
change Building, Des Vaux
Road Central, Victoria, Hong
Kong, on Wednesday, 7th May,
1947, at NOON for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors, together
with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1946, and to elect Directors
and appoint Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. TAYLOR,
MANAGER & SECRETARY.

Dated this 3rd Day of April,
1947.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Monday
the 28th day of April, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and to
appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
16th April, 1947, to the 28th
April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
the Board of Directors,

C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

MEN'S SUMMER SUITS

Ready-made Summer Suits
cut from a fine Linen and Rayon
mixture are obtainable from
local retailers at the controlled
price of \$49.50 a suit.

Similar suits made to measure
are supplied at the under-
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tailor is in attendance to take
measurements between 2 and 5
p.m. daily. The tailor may also
be sent for by special arrange-
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HONG KONG NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 10 of 1947.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The Japanese Coastal Wire-
less Service is available to all
merchant shipping as from 10th
April, 1947.

1. Messages of the following
types only will be accepted
for transmission:—

(a) E. T. A. of shipping.

(b) Control of shipping and
traffic.

(c) Official shipping informa-
tion.

(d) Navigation or distress
signals from shipping in
accordance with general
radio Regulation (Cairo
Revision 1938).

2. Rates for messages between
British Merchant shipping
and a Japanese coastal radio
station will be expressed in
Sterling and are as fol-
lows:—

(a) The land line rate, be-
tween any Japanese Radio
Station and any point in
Japan will be 1.92 pence
per full rate word.

(b) The Japanese Coastal
radio station charge will
be 5.76 pence per full rate
word.

(c) The ship station charge
will be 3.84 pence per full
rate word.

3. Messages originating on
board ship will be prepaid.
Messages originating in
Japan will be sent "Collect".
The word "collect" is to be
inserted in the preamble of
the Message.

4. The accounting of messages
will be the responsibility of
the General Post Office for
the British Government and
the Ministry of Communica-
tions for the Japanese
Government.

Monthly statements of ac-
counts will be submitted
by both agencies through
G.H.Q., S.C.A.P., by
Calendar Month beginning
15th May, 1947.

5. No settlement of accounts
will be made until authorised
by G.H.Q., S.C.A.P.

AUTHORITY: Supreme Com-
mander Allied Powers, Japan.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1947.

NOTICE

The dinner arranged at the
suggestion of the Unofficial
Members of the Executive
Council and Legislative Council
to afford the community an
opportunity to pay a tribute
to His Excellency the Governor,
Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G. and
Lady Young in view of their
impending departure from the
Colony will be held at the
Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday
7th May 1947 at 8 p.m.

It will be noted that the din-
ner is open to both ladies and
gentlemen.

Any member of the com-
munity who desires to attend
should apply to any one of the
following on or before Monday,
28th April 1947:—

The Hon. Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E.,
Hongkong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau,
China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida
Castro,
Prince's Building.

Mr. D. Ruttenberg,
Duddell Street.

NOTICE

No further permits for the
import of gold are being grant-
ed, and outstanding permits are
being cancelled.

The public is reminded that
under paragraph 3 of the De-
fence (Finance) Regulations,
every person resident in the
Colony who is or becomes
entitled to sell or procure the
sale of any gold shall offer that
gold, or cause it to be offered,
for sale to the Government at a
price to be determined by
Government.

This power may be invoked in
respect of gold imported after
this date.

G. G. S. FOLLOWS,
Chief Secretary.

HONG KONG

RUSSIA BLAMED FOR FOUR POWER TALK'S FAILURE

Moscow, Apr. 23.
The U.S. Secretary of State, General Marshall, bit-
terly blamed Russia for the virtual failure of
the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference. He
threatened today to take the Austrian treaty
question to the General Assembly of the United
Nations if the deadlock on the issue continues.
In two formal statements at the Big Four meeting,
General Marshall put the blame squarely on
Russia for the the Ministers' failure to conclude
the Austrian treaty and the American-proposed
40-year Allied treaty to enforce disarmament
of Germany.

The BBC And Mr. Wallace

London, Apr. 23.
The BBC had no occa-
sion to consult Govern-
ment before giving radio
time to Mr. Henry Wal-
lace, the Assistant Post-
master-General, Mr. W.
A. Burke, said in the
House of Commons this
afternoon.

"It has been the policy of suc-
cessive governments to afford the
British Broadcasting Corporation
independence in the choice of
their programmes and the mat-
ter of their content," he added.
The present Government were
continuing that policy and the
question of consultation about
Mr. Wallace's broadcast, therefore,
did not arise, he added.

Asked by Mr. Leonard Gam-
mans (Cons.) whether he would
offer similar opportunity to any
United States statesman who sup-
ported the domestic and foreign
policy of President Truman's Ad-
ministration and whether Gen-
eral de Gaulle would be allowed
to criticise the French Govern-
ment over the BBC, Mr. Burke
replied that questions as to what
the BBC would do were covered
by the first part of his reply.

He added that President Tru-
man's broadcast on the BBC last
night and that the United States
Ambassador's speech at the Pil-
grimage Dinner was also broadcast.

Cuxhaven Shaken By Explosion

Hamburg, Apr. 23.
Doctors and ambulances
from the British Army hospital
in Hamburg were rushed 125
kilometres to Cuxhaven before
dawn today after a spate of
wild rumours arising from a
second explosion in Helgoland,
German naval fortress blown up
by the Royal Navy last week.

An explosion at 9 p.m. local
time yesterday shook houses in
Cuxhaven and Flensburg—
more than 160 kilometres from
Helgoland. The blast and
noise was reported to be
greater than last Friday's blow-
ing-up operation.

The destroyer "Breadale"
steamed from Cuxhaven after
midnight for Helgoland and
preparations were made to re-
ceive casualties. But no one
was found to be hurt and there
was no further damage on the
island.

A naval spokesman said that
the bang was caused by a de-
molition party disposing of an
amount of unexploded charges
on the island. The noise ap-
peared greater because it was
a quiet night and there were
low, hanging clouds.—Reuter.

German Zones Bank A/C Opened

Berlin, Apr. 23.
An account of 419,840,000
sterling has been opened with
the Bank of England in the
name of the Joint Export-Im-
port Agency of the British and
American military governments
in Germany to finance the for-
eign exchange side of the
foreign trade of the combined
zones.

An account of \$1,440,000 has
also been opened with the
Federal Reserve Bank in New
York and will be similarly
operated by the joint foreign
exchange branch in Berlin.

Accounts have also been
opened in London and New
York for the combined zones.

ALL HIS BLOOD IS NEW

Newark, N.J., Apr. 23.
Officials of Columbus Hos-
pital are confident they will
be able soon to release Robert
Jeffers, Jr., the first New Jer-
sey baby to have all the blood
drained from his body and
replaced by transfused blood.
A blood complication known
as the Rh factor (incompati-
bility of the blood streams of
his parents) was discovered
when the baby was born one
month ago. He was first given
a quart transfusion and later
a booster transfusion of a
quarter-pint.—United Press.

One agreement

During the Ministers' consid-
eration of the German deputies' pro-
gress, agreement was reached on
the date of the return of German
war prisoners still held abroad.
All delegations accepted Decem-
ber 31, 1948, as the deadline for
the return of all former members
of the German armed forces, and
supplementary service.

This formula, which has been
consistently proposed by Britain
and America, covers not only
Germans technically held as pris-
oners of war, but also large num-
bers who may have been "civilians"
since their capture.

It was agreed that the Council
of Foreign Ministers should
instruct the Allied Control Coun-
cil in Berlin to work out detail-
ed plans for absorption of ex-
prisoners of war of German armed
forces and auxiliaries, the plan
to be put into operation by July
1, 1947.

It was also agreed to invite
other powers who hold such Ger-
mans to inform the powers repre-
sented on the Control Council of
their plan by June 1, 1947, in
order that the plans may be co-
ordinated.—Reuter.

"You Never Know"

After Mr. Molotov had said that
only American refusal to con-
sider the Soviet amendments to
the American draft for a four-
power treaty had blocked pro-
gress, Mr. Bevin intervened with
an appeal to reach an agreement
on this question.

"When anyone tries to build
a bridge between the East and
West, I hope they will not be
thwarted," he said.

BRITAIN ON A GREAT EXPERIMENT

Louisville, Ky. Apr. 23.
Great Britain today is engaged in a very great ex-
periment—trying to strike a balance between
classes and interests—and when balance is
achieved other countries will look to Britain
as they did in the past, Lord Inverchapel, the
British Ambassador, told the English-Speak-
ing Union last night.

"Don't for a moment imagine we are collapsing
economically," the British Ambassador said.
"We've balanced our budget and in a few
years time shall stand before the world erect,
vigorous and resilient, and perhaps even
elegant."

Lord Inverchapel said that in
some circles it was whispered
that Britain had surrendered
some part of her political liberty
because the Government had
nationalised a few basic indus-
tries.

"I should like to dispel that
impression once and for all," he
said.

D.P. Makes Herself Indispensable

Hull, Apr. 23.
Twenty-four-year-old Aino
Keala, who arrived among the
first official party of displaced
persons from Europe in the
"Empire Hall" at Hull to-
day quickly made herself indis-
pensable as the ship's announ-
cer and is to retain that post.

She is Estonian, speaks five
languages and was formerly a
student at Tallinn. She had
been in Germany since 1944
and was an employment officer
for UNRRA.

This first party of 846 peo-
ple, including 51 women, were
taken to a reception centre on
arrival here today. The men
are principally Estonians, Lat-
vians and Lithuanians and are
all volunteers.

Among the party was a
bride, Regina Kruminer, a Lat-
vian, accompanied by her hus-
band and father. She met her
husband while they were work-
ing in Germany and they were
married at the displaced per-
sons' camp.

Many of the women worked
in factories in Germany to
which they were directed by
the Germans during the war.
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and was an employment officer
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No Extra Clothes For Visitors

London, Apr. 23.
There will be no extra
allowance of clothing
coupons to American
and Canadian visitors to
Britain at present.

This was made clear in the
House of Commons today by
Lord Chorley, Government
spokesman, who in reply to a
question, said that arrangements
already existed whereby overseas
visitors could order reasonable
quantities of non-utility rationed
goods for delivery abroad, but
any extension of this arrange-
ment would give a generous al-
lowance of coupons to the visitors
which the Board of Trade did not
think was justified.

Lord Barmby, Conservative
Peer, had asked if Government
would allow visitors from the
hard-currency area to buy cloth-
ing without coupons with their
own currency.—Reuter.

Guerrilla Clash

Madrid, Apr. 23.
In a clash between guerrillas
and Civil Guards assisted by a
machine-gun company and
Moorish troops at Almuden, in
Ciudad Real province, it was
officially reported that Nor-
berto Castillejo Gimenex, Com-
mander of the Second Group,
Guerrilla Centre Army, had
been killed.

Castillejo's aide, Martinez de
la Mada, was also killed and
two guerrillas were wounded.
Castillejo is alleged to have a
long list of acts of violence
against him.—Reuter.

FRIGIDAIRE REFRIGERATORS

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There was a general feeling
in my country that too much
economic liberty for some meant
idleness and misery for many
others," the British Ambassador
continued. "The word liberty be-
comes a mockery when it is
preached to a man who has no
work and no prospects of finding
it."

"Of course, in certain circum-
stances a controlled economy
could easily deprive people of
their liberty. But in Britain to-
day we are engaged in a very
great experiment."

"We are trying to strike a
balance between Government
planning over a wide area of
business life and the claims of
the individual to work at what
he likes, say what he likes, wor-
ship where he likes and go where
he likes."—Associated Press.

San Francisco, Apr. 23.

Henry F. Grady, the new
United States Ambassador to
India, is leaving on May 4 to
take up his new post. At a
press conference today he said
the United States is adopting
a sympathetic policy toward
the Indian fledgling independent
government in the interest of
aiding development of a stable
India.—United Press.

San Francisco, Apr. 23.

The "Bad" Eagle arrived
from Chicago on a Sunday
train, carrying a large number
of passengers and cargo.

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HONG KONG

Talk Of Loan Just Wishful Thinking

London, Apr. 23.
A highly placed Brit-
ish Government source
says that talk in Britain
of a possible new loan
from America is "just
wishful thinking."
"The feeling in the Cabinet is
very definite and hard against
taking any new loan," he said.
"The possibility that it will
change at any later date is very
remote unless things get very
much worse indeed."

He said the Cabinet feel that a
new loan would "delay our ulti-
mate recovery" by providing an
alternative to the national re-
covery slogan "Work—or Want."

He added that a large percent-
age of British workers "have not
yet grasped the crucial need for
hard work" and said that specu-
lation about a new loan, appear-
ing occasionally in the newspaper,
is damaging in that it does not
spur the workers to greater pro-
ductive effort.—Associated Press.

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TO-DAY

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DEPUTATION SEES H.E.

Chinese Income Tax Objections

Governor's Reply: No Changes

The threatened mass parade by Chinese organizations and associations before Government House and the Council Chamber by way of protest against the imposition of income tax in Hong Kong, did not take place as originally planned.

Instead, a deputation of 19 members of the executive committee of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Anti-Direct Tax Introduction Commission, headed by Mr. Robert Der, called on His Excellency the Governor at 12.45 p.m. in pursuance of an arrangement made by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

On arrival at Government House, the party was met by the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who conducted the deputation before His Excellency, to whom the following appeal was handed:

"Your Excellency, Two petitions signed by 98 organizations and associations in Hong Kong and Kowloon, appealing for the withdrawal of the Bill on the imposition of Direct Income Tax had been submitted to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. We expressed, in them, the public opinion of the Chinese residents in the Colony our reasons given for the withdrawal of that Bill may be enumerated as follows:

"(1) For a century, Hong Kong has been exempted from the levying of Direct Income Tax on its citizens, with a fear that the Income Tax may be an impediment to the undertaking of new enterprises, an obstruction to the capitalistic investments of the Chinese and a check to the influx of Chinese immigrants into the Colony on this ground Sir Henry Pollock had expressed his opinion against the imposition of such income tax.

Willing To Pay

"(2) Public opinion should be weighed and considered. Now all the Chinese people join into an organized whole to appeal to Your Excellency for the withdrawal of such bill. These taxes, when levied, will cause much trouble to the people. The undesirable investigation of books and accounts by the tax collectors and the employment of more clerks to keep accounts are some of the inconveniences. Moreover, the Chinese in the Colony are not accustomed to the payment of Direct Taxes.

"(3) Government's 1947 Budget shows a great deficiency to defray its expenditure, yet this is the phenomenon of the temporary nature. It does not require to introduce new taxes to make good for the deficiency. Money can be raised to meet with the Government's demand, yet the Chinese are willing to pay for it and we may suggest some other taxable resources instead of the four Direct Taxes.

"We, the representatives of the Chinese residents in the Colony are now earnestly requesting the favour of Your Excellency to give consent to what we appeal to the Hong Kong Government."



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IMPORT OF GOLD BANNED

The Financial Secretary issued a notice on April 23 to the effect that no further permits for the import of gold are being granted, and outstanding permits are being cancelled.

The public is reminded that under paragraph 3 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, every person resident in the Colony who is, or becomes, entitled to sell or procure the sale of any gold shall offer that gold, or cause it to be offered, for sale to the Government at a price to be determined by Government. This power may be invoked in respect of gold imported after this date.

J.T. BAGRAM PASSES

J. T. Bagram, stock broker and the time-honoured Consul for Siam, died as the result of a stroke yesterday in his room at the Hong Kong Hotel. He was 60.

A nephew of the late Sir Paul Chuter, Mr. Bagram was for many years a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He returned to the Colony in December following a recuperative leave after internment at Stanley.

Mr. Bagram acted as honorary secretary of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society for many years and since his return, had worked to reestablish the organization. He leaves a wife now living in Hong Kong.

GENERAL HERE

Lt. Gen. Robertson, commanding British Commonwealth Forces in Japan, is at present in the Colony on his way to England. To-day being Anzac Day, he will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.

BRITONS KILLED AT SHOUSON HILL

A Chinese farmer from Aberdeen village testified before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday that he had witnessed the killing of three British officers by members of the Tanaka Unit, whose regimental commander, Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo, is now on trial before the Court for atrocities committed by the troops under his command.

The farmer, Lai Kwong, said that he had witnessed the killing in the grounds of 15 Shouson Hill Road, and was able to read the inscription in Chinese characters on strips of white cloth on the soldiers' tunics when they caught sight of him looking on and beckoned him to come forward.

He came near enough to read the characters "Lien chung" (literally translated into English "field centre"), spelling the surname "Tanaka" in Japanese.

He was on his way in search of some Japanese soldiers who had taken away his chicken coop containing some 15 chickens the previous day (Dec. 25, 1941). He was hoping they would return the chicken coop.

He was passing by 15 Shou Son Hill when he saw some 10 Japanese soldiers leading three British officers. He stopped to watch what was going on and saw the Japanese order the captives to put up their hands and then slash away at them with swords.

Thrown In Well

Two of the bodies were buried on the spot after the killing. The following day he was passing the same place when he saw two Japanese dragging a body down the steps leading from the house. They dragged the body to a well by the side of a swimming-pool and threw it in.

Evidence was taken from Lai

and from Major T. N. Cross at Shouson Hill where the Court assembled yesterday morning.

Major Cross testified that at the beginning of the present year he had gone to 15 Shou Son Hill to search for human bones in a well in the grounds of the house. He had recovered almost a complete skeleton as well as clips for 303 British ammunition and the remains of a belt and buckle.

Tanaka In Box

Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo went into the witness box yesterday to testify in his own defence when the Court reassembled in the afternoon.

He said he was 53 years of age and had entered the Japanese Army in Dec. 1917, as a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted First Lieutenant in March, 1920, Captain in August 1926, Major in July, 1933, Lieutenant-Colonel in March, 1938, and full Colonel in March, 1941. In June, 1945, he was promoted to Major-General and appointed Chief of Staff of the 38th Division.

In Dec. 1941, he was regimental commander of the 229th Division and had taken part in the attack on Hong Kong.

At this stage, defence counsel asked for an adjournment to this morning. This was granted by the Court which reassembled at 10 a.m. to-day.

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Spitting Charges

Chun Hung, 40, constructor, charged with spitting at the bus terminus at Star Ferry, and Lo Wai, arrested for the same offence in Shanghai Street, on April 23, failed to appear before Mr. Lathimer at Kowloon yesterday and had their bail of \$20 each estreated.

Fung Wing-ki, 24, ferry ticket collector, was fined \$15 by Mr. Blair-Kerr for spitting at the Mong Kok Ferry Wharf on Wednesday. The same fine was imposed on Chau Sang, Tong Yuen, Lai Ying, Lam Chuen, Leung Choi-fuk, (female), and Tang Fuk-lin who were arrested in the Shamshuipo district, Hung Man-hing, arrested with the other six, failed to surrender to his bail of \$25.

Arrested at Chung On Street, near the Tsun Wan Market, at 1.30 a.m. on April 23 by Health Inspector Tam Ping-sun, Ho Kau, 25, farmer, was fined \$15 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Blair-Kerr to the charge of spitting.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in all cases before Mr. Blair-Kerr. Nineteen Chinese were caught spitting in the streets in Western District on Wednesday by Health Inspectors.

Before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday, four were fined \$20 each, two—a 53-year-old and a 60-year-old—were cautioned, while three who failed to answer the charge had \$50 bail each estreated.

Fines of \$10 each were imposed by Mr. Blair-Kerr on Liu Fung, Chiu Ting-fai and Mak Wan when they pleaded guilty to the charge of dumping rubbish in Yu Chow Street, Tai Nam Street and Cornwall Road, respectively on April 23. Inspector J. Orem prosecuted. Lau Choi was fined a similar sum by Mr. Lathimer for the same offence at Shanghai Street on the same day.

THIRD TIME

Mr. Garland, Marine Magistrate, took a serious view of excess passenger-carrying yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$300 or two months hard labour on Lo Hung, master of a motor junk, who appeared before a Court for the third time on the same offence. Lo was warned that the offence was a serious one, and he was not to repeat it.

On a further charge of leaving port at night without night clearance, Lo was fined \$100 or one month.

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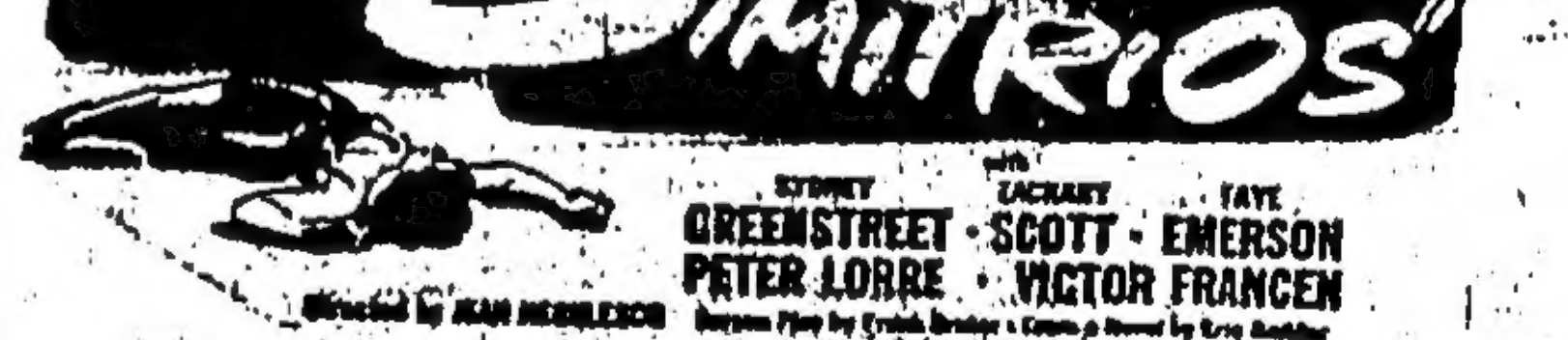
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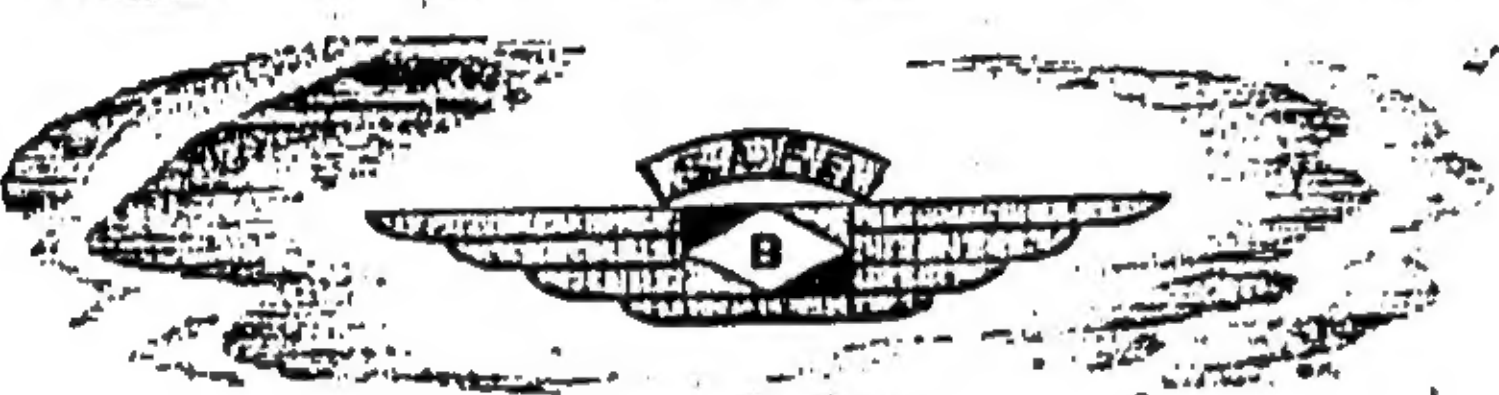
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THE NEW
INCOME TAX

In the revisions of the so-called Income Tax Bill, made on the recommendations of the Morse Committee, an ample slice of concession cake is provided for nearly everybody, and it is a fair assumption that the main dish will, in consequence, be found more readily digestible. Objections in principle, on such grounds as the probable inequity of distribution, lose none of their pertinence, but it can be argued that to establish a system which will ensure that evasion is reduced to a minimum, the first essential is to construct the machinery and set it to work. On the Bill as it now stands, no-one's resources are likely to be strained beyond their capacity. The staggering 25 per cent. standard rate, originally proposed, is down to a modest ten per cent. These least able to meet direct taxation will find in the increase of the personal allowance to \$7,000 and the allowance for a wife to \$5,000, cause for considerable satisfaction, and as the first \$5,000 of taxable income is to be charged at the rate of only two and a half per cent., and the next \$5,000 at only five per cent., undue hardship complaints would be difficult to support. At the other end of the scale, an even more generous concession has been made. In effect, the double standard rate plan for highly-paid individuals is being abandoned, and any suggestion of a "soak the rich" motif has been quietly eliminated. The maximum any salaried man will pay is ten per cent. on the gross total of his income, however high, without provision for any allowances. This somewhat surprising modification is justified on the ground that the sliding scale included in the Bill would, in some cases, involve a salaried man in payment of a higher effective rate than is chargeable upon corporation and business profits. Put in that form, the submission is legitimate enough, especially as a salary is in every case earned income, whereas profits are not necessarily earned by the recipients. The apparent anomaly might have been approached from the opposite angle, nevertheless, by the inclusion of provisions allowing of greater inroads upon inflated profits, and for ensuring that the holder of large investments, waxing fat and wealthy on unearned income would face an assessment commensurate with his capacity to pay. Companies, in many cases, will display undisguised relief at the proviso in Clause 19 that they may, at their own discretion, elect to be taxed upon profits for 1947-48 instead of on profits for 1946-47. This provision is to be found also in the chapter on salaries tax. Partly, this is to meet the grievance that it is unreasonable to tax the year prior to introduction of the legislation, to tax retrospectively, in other words, though it has no meaning outside the fact that those who feel it advantageous to exercise the option will be assessed this year and next year on their profits or incomes for 1947-48, instead of on successive years. This, again, does not involve double taxation. It is entirely procedural, and beneficial only to those companies whose profits in 1947-48 prove, when their accounts are made up, substantially lower than those in 1946-47. At the Hon. Financial Secretary pointed out in his lucid explanation of the Bill on its First Reading yesterday, most companies have had to set-off their 1946-47 profits against war losses accounts, and if they had the good fortune to get up on the bandwagon when the business boom was at its height, the success was largely compensatory, and there is more justice and validity in assessing taxation upon the results of a more sober year. A further concession approved permits the set-off of the profits arising from any one year against the profits of the next year.

Australia Concerned Over
Future Of India

Sydney, Apr. 23. Right Honourable R.G. Menzies, one-time Prime Minister and now leader of Australia's Federal Opposition, fears independence may bring civil war to India but believes that "in the long run self-government should improve the lot of the average Indian."

In an exclusive statement to the United Press today, the Prime Minister said that "it seems that Russia's political influence in India will increase as a result of the change and that in the long run this political influence may be followed by a considerable degree of economic pressure."

But, he added, "for some years at least I would anticipate that British economic influence and associated will continue to be of first-rate importance. The growth of Soviet influence in India would undoubtedly affect the whole political balance of the Middle East and Southern Asia. But at the same time the independent thought and power of a growing Indian nationalism should not be underestimated."

Australian Labour Party setbacks in two states in recent months have given new prominence to the Liberal Party and to Menzies, its leader.

To Opt Out?

Menzies doubted that an independent India would become a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. "I most sincerely hope so," he told the United Press, "but if current statements are to be accepted, it seems probable that India will seek her future outside the British Commonwealth."

He said he was "unhappy" about the British decision and believes the time may be "premature."

Asked if he thought Britain's withdrawal will result in civil warfare between Moslem and Hindu, with possible involvement of the rest of the Moslem world, Menzies replied:

"It is greatly to be feared that the answer to both portions of this question will be 'yes.' Every element of goodwill must be exercised by all of us in order to avert so tragic a result. It seems to me that what has been promised may lead to the most serious troubles in India and may therefore put back the clock of Indian progress. But while, for these and many other questions, I am unhappy about the pledge, it has been given and it must be honoured."

British Pledge

The British pledge to withdraw from India by June, 1948.

100 Years
Ago Today

(Excerpts from The China Mail, April 25, 1847.)

"From Canton we hear that two men, said to be members of the party which attacked six Englishmen in Honan Creek, have been sentenced to wear the cage for one month, and also to be flogged. On Friday they were exhibited to the Consol House; and on Saturday they were to be placed on the bridge from which the stones were thrown. Labels on the cages state that they were being punished for having assaulted foreigners."

"We learn that on Thursday morning the steamer 'Firefly' was passing some junk, on her passage from Whampoa, an 40 row was discharged from one of them which nearly struck Commander Mason of H.M. Steam vessel 'Medea'."

"The accounts brought by the Banquet relative to the price secured for our Gaudal-wood at Hong Kong are very far from being as we had hoped; nevertheless, there are many circumstances to be taken into consideration that may lead us to suppose this trade may yet prove of more value to the colony than we might be disposed to imagine at first sight, from the present discouraging reports of this, our first experiment in the Chinese market."

arising in or derived from the Colony, instead of income arising derived from or received in the Colony. There is, however, sound reasoning behind most of the changes recommended and the Hon. Committee has carried the community's thanks. The Bill remains a highly controversial one, but it is hoped that it will be passed by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives.

Menzies said, means that "an independent India must inevitably exercise great influence in Burma, Malaya and Indo-China. That this association will involve pressures upon Australia and Australian policy cannot be doubted. When I say this I do not think of 'pressure' necessarily in terms of hostility but simply as movements arising from the development of outlook and policy."

An independent India cannot defend herself, he said, "not at present nor for many years to come. In any event, adequate defence for India must presuppose unity of action between the various Indian elements, including the Princes." As a result, he explained, "the problem of Australia's defence becomes obviously more acute and more difficult as Australia's remoteness from other British countries increases. It would be idle to pretend that exclusion of India and perhaps Burma from the British Commonwealth would not increase Australia's own defence commitments."

Discussing the "White Australia" policy with respect to an independent India, Menzies said: "I believe that Australia should adhere to her 'White Australia' policy as far as it relates to migration into Australia, so that we may avoid racial difficulties which have confronted some other countries. But I agreed with many observers in thinking that a good deal of irritation could be removed from our relations with India by the adoption of broad and sensible practices in regard to, for example, visits by Indian

Spring Collections
Go Fancy

Tricky handbags, belts, hip sashes and flowers of all descriptions are among the necessary and trimming highlights of the Paris dressmakers' spring collections.

Schlaparelli's pigeonholes the usual handbag clutter with a telescope-shaped leather purse which hangs on a short strap. It has four flaps down the front which open into neat cubby-

holes for lipstick, powder and other odds and ends.

Less tidy but more capacious are a huge accordion expanding bag and Molyneux's crocodile "mattress."

The first, in red Morocco has straps to hold its expandable bottom at whatever size is most convenient. Its maximum approaches the dimensions of a small duffle bag.

Molyneux's creation is the size and shape of a travelling dressing table with gold fittings.

Harness Belt
Leather, lace, taffeta and fur are used for belts and hip sashes.

Jacqueline Fath shows a harness belt in beige and dark brown over a gray flannel street dress. It doubles as a handbag with a purse compartment on either side.

Fath uses white lace to match neckline trimming for a wide hip sash on a simple navy blue wool daytime dress.

Tartan taffeta, tied in a huge bow, is given similar treatment on a navy dress by Maggie Rouff.

The same designer uses fur as a hip insert and side drape on a black dress.

Real Roses
Real and artificial flowers and jewelled approximations of garden blooms brighten many evening gowns.

Both Fath and Rouff go in for real flowers.

Fath puts pink, white and

yellow ones under the top layer of a black tulle skirt and scatters a few more at the hem. Rouff sprays fresh hot-house blossoms down one side of an evening skirt.

Callot Sisters get similar effects with more permanent artificial flowers. Wild roses climb an arbor on either side of a pailored white organza skirt.

A black, daytime dress poses a single red bloom on the right breast to illustrate its romantic name—"Lady of the Rose."

Schlaparelli likes her violets, orchids and birds with more glitter than the real things.

Velvet and jewels are the bunched of violets which adorn the skirt of an Edwardian mauve satin evening gown. Brilliant embroidered pink orchids brighten the jacket over a black and cyclamen gown. And bead and sequin birds are flying from the shoulder on a jade green evening jacket.

By DOROTHY RUSSEL

Complex Marital Situation

Washington, Apr. 24. The Senate was urged today to provide \$1,000,000 for the speedy re-union of some 3,000 foreign brides and children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were married abroad.

The fund is part of the \$2,882,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill which was recommended by the committee.

War Department officials said some of these brides and children have been waiting for two years to join their husbands here. Most of them are in England, but others are scattered around the world.

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REALIGNMENT IN BATTLE
ON CONSCRIPTION

London, Apr. 21. They still think that Britain's manpower position cannot stand 18 months' period of compulsory service. This section was prepared to resist the 18 months' proposal in the next debate. The reduction has also swung round to the Government side a number of Labour Members of Parliament who actually voted against the Government on the second reading on manpower and economy grounds.

There will be a complete realignment of the rebels against the Government's peace-time conscription proposal when the National Service Bill is again debated in Parliament—probably in a fortnight's time.

The Prime Minister and Cabinet will have a more friendly backing from their own Benches in the House of Commons, but will face an almost totally hostile Opposition. The net effect will be to reduce the chances of a Government defeat which might bring down the Labour Administration.

In the previous debate, 73 Labour Members voted against their own Government on the question of peacetime conscription and service conditions. The Government had the support of the whole of the Conservative Opposition, but even without it, the Government would have had a small majority.

Subsequently, the Government placated some of the rebels by reducing the proposed period of compulsory service from 18 months to 12. This satisfied an influential section of Labour Members—some of whom took part in the original foreign policy revolt. Although they voted with the Government on conscription because they approve of the principle,

they still think that Britain's manpower position cannot stand 18 months' period of compulsory service. This section was prepared to resist the 18 months' proposal in the next debate. The reduction has also swung round to the Government side a number of Labour Members of Parliament who actually voted against the Government on the second reading on manpower and economy grounds.

Not Won Over

It has not won over the group of 30, headed by Mr. Rhys Davies, who opposed conscription on the grounds of conscience, or another group led by Mr. Zilliacus, whose objection is political. This section thinks that to approve conscription would be to support the foreign policy which they consider ill-considered, so far as to provide an advantage to the United States at the expense of British relations with Russia.

The Prime Minister will address the Parliamentary Labour Party of 400 Members of the House of Commons on this subject on Wednesday and will appeal to the Party for unity.

In the light of this move, the rebels may go no farther than abstention if there is a vote. Meanwhile, the Conservative "Shadow Cabinet," which will meet this week, will decide its course of action. It is expected to ask the Opposition to resist the Government's curtailment of the service period by voting against it. The original figure of 18 months, it thinks, was settled on the best military advice available and should stand.—Reuter.

"Invidious," Says Mr. McNeil

London, Apr. 24. Minister of State, Hector McNeil, says that British opposition to the proposed United Nations supervision of American aid to Greece and Turkey because it is "invidious."

Answering a question in the House of Commons, McNeil said it was invidious—meaning, according to Webster's dictionary, "irritatingly discriminating"—to demand supervision in this case any more than in the case of similar aid being given by other powers to other nations in Europe.

McNeil's questioner, E.A. Chamberlain (Labour), asked: "Does Mr. McNeil not feel that this is really a weak argument, and that the Russians, in this matter, are fundamentally sound? Furthermore, as we know, we have a great opportunity of implementing our policy of supporting the Greek Government?"

McNeil replied: "I do not feel that we have a great opportunity of implementing our policy of supporting the Greek Government. I feel that we have a great opportunity of implementing our policy of supporting the Greek Government."

Tomorrow's Problem

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Humphreys Estate's \$828,225 Profit

Military Requisition Criticised

A net profit of \$828,225.57 for the 16 months period ending Dec. 31, 1946 was reported at the first post-war shareholders annual meeting of Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., held at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

War losses were given as \$538,405.50, and the amount was entirely written off by an appropriation of \$338,405.50 from profit and loss account and a transfer of two lakhs from reserve.

The Chairman gave a review of the programme of rehabilitation of the Company's damaged properties and said it might be necessary later in the year to call on further capital of a million dollars.

Criticism was directed at the continued requisition by the Military Authorities of certain properties which should be released for civilian occupation. The situation was termed most unsatisfactory.

The Chairman, Mr. D. E. Clark, said in part:—
"The net profit for the period under review including profits on sale of property and investments and including \$12,355.61 brought forward from last account amounts to \$828,225.57, which I think in the circumstances may be considered as highly satisfactory."

"War losses at \$538,405.50 may seem somewhat low, but in this connection I would explain that damaged properties sold, and certain properties requisitioned by tenants, are omitted from this figure. As you will have noted from the accounts before you, it is proposed to write off the whole amount by appropriating the sum of \$338,405.50 from profit and loss account and transferring the sum of \$200,000.00 from general reserve."

"In dealing with the amount available for appropriation, your Directors consider it advisable to adopt a conservative policy and have, therefore, recommended that the sum of \$200,000 be set aside as provision for possible taxation and contingencies. This policy, I feel sure, will meet with your approval."

Branksome Towers

Work in connection with the reconstruction and modernisation of the block of flats above May Road, known as Branksome Towers, is now well in hand and it is hoped to have them ready for occupation sometime during June. Originally 12 flats, the larger flats are being divided and an additional 6 flats will be available. The cost will be heavy, but in view of the lack of accommodation in the Colony it was decided to put the work in hand. It is hardly necessary for me to add that all flats will be occupied immediately they are ready.

"We have in mind to develop two other sites in the neighbourhood. In the near future the site on which Friston Cottage formerly stood and the old Chartered Bank House site, which the Company recently acquired, in regard to the former, accessibility is the big question and unless Government decide to widen Trepanier Path for motor traffic it will probably be necessary to postpone this particular scheme to a later date. The proposed development of these properties will require a considerable amount of capital and it will be necessary later in the year to issue the balance of the Company's authorised capital—\$1,000,000."

"We still have certain properties which have been under requisition by the Military Authorities since the Japanese surrender and it is felt strongly that the time has now arrived when these should be released for civilian occupation. The Military Authorities have carried out no maintenance or necessary repair work and the rentals we receive are actually below pre-war figures. From the company's

Certificates

"On January 10th last, shareholders were notified through the medium of the Press and by circular that as the Registrar of Shareholders of the Company had been lost during the Japanese occupation, they should send to the company for cancellation the certificates for shares in their possession, in exchange for which the Company would issue new certificates. There are, however, a considerable number of the old certificates which have not yet been sent in and consequently do not appear in the reconstituted share register. Only those shareholders whose names appear in the new Share Register can receive dividends at the moment, but dividends on the outstanding shares will be paid as and when the old certificates are surrendered to the Company for exchange."

"I do not think there are any other matters to which I can usefully refer. I now beg to propose the following resolutions:—

"That the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and that the amount available for appropriation be allocated as follows:—
To pay a Dividend of \$1 \$200,000.00
To transfer to Provision for Taxation and Contingencies 200,000.00
To transfer to Provision for War Losses 338,405.50
To carry forward 28,820.07
\$828,225.57

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. H. Wild and carried unanimously.
On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Messrs. N. O. C. Marsh, M. H. Turner and J. M. Alves were re-elected to the Board. Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. and Messrs. Post Marwick Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed auditors on the proposal of Mr. F. A. Xavier, seconded by Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, M. H. Turner and J. M. Alves (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, H. H. Wild and F. A. Xavier.

"Warspite" Refuses To Go To Boneyard

The aging British battleship "Warspite," just like an old soldier who never dies, refused today to go to the boneyard—she went aground instead. En route from Portsmouth to the Clyde on her last journey, the 32,000-ton "Warspite" drifted in a gale away from the two tugs towing her on her last watery mile. She went ashore on the Eastern side of Mount's Bay near Land's End.

From Newlyn Harbour went a Moushale Station lifeboat this morning to check up on "Warspite's" progress after she had been adrift for only partly in the tow of tugs for two days. The boat crew reported back that she had gone fairly aground on Malpas reef and showed no signs of wanting to get off and go north to be broken up for salvage.

The eight men on board her showed they were as stubborn as the battleship herself—they refused to get off her and "come back to shore on the lifeboat."

Taste Of Freedom

"Warspite" tossed and pulled away from one of the two tugs yesterday in a 70-m.p.h. wind, snapping her towlines, and the tugs called for help. Later, the lines were replaced, but "Warspite," with a single taste of freedom and a trip to the junk-heap ahead, would not stay. A windy gale was sweeping all around the British coast today and coast guards spotted distress signals from a sailing barge off Felixstowe.—United Press.

OFFICER ON TRIAL

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Members of the Anti-Looting Patrol, commanded by Major John Burnett, gave evidence today at his resumed trial on a charge of causing the death of a Sikh driver by a "rash act," amounting to culpable homicide.

The men testified that they had fired at the Sikh, whose car failed to stop at a road-block when signalled to do so—after they had seen Major Burnett shoot. They declared that they would not have fired if he had not done so first.

Major Burnett, aged 27, who was decorated for service during the Japanese occupation, was charged with the culpable homicide of the Sikh driver.

PERSISTENT

Exeter, Apr. 23.
Rupprecht and Hans have done it again—they have escaped for the third time in their four months from their imprisonment of war camp in Devon. Today, Hans Meinel (24), Luftwaffe corporal, and Rupprecht Reide (31), Army corporal, were missed by guards at Pophoe Camp. The two men made their last escape on April 6. They were then, refuelled near Tiverton after 56 hours of freedom. Before that they were at large for nearly three months and lived for a time in a cliff cave in bitter winter weather.—Reuter.

Secret Schacht Session

Stuttgart, Apr. 23.

The De-Nazification Court trying Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, many's former economic chief, went into brief secret session today because a police official had said that his evidence, if made public, might cause "strained relations with Switzerland."

He had gone to Switzerland in connection with testimony of Dr. Gieseler, author of "Until the Bitter End."

Dr. Schacht listened attentively today as several witnesses told the court that he had taken part in a plot on Hitler's life in July, 1944.

A German manufacturer, Alex Haffner, declared that he and other conspirators, including Gieseler, used to meet in a private house in Berlin.

At one of these meetings, Dr. Schacht said that Hitler could only be overthrown by a plot against his life.

Who stepped in his own factory were Nazis, Haffner said, approached him several times concerning Dr. Schacht, saying that he was a traitor, who was sabotaging industry with the intention of destroying the Nazi movement.—Reuter.

Youth Kills Policemen

Philadelphia, Apr. 24.

A 23-year-old youth shot two policemen to death in a street-corner gun battle yesterday.

A detective said the youth identified himself as William Kallowell and that he is the adopted son of a North-Western University professor.

The youth was taken to hospital with four bullet wounds and was reported to be in a poor condition.

In a telephone interview, Doctor Alfred J. Halliwell, Professor of Anthropology in Chicago, said that he was "too shocked" to discuss the shooting.—Associated Press.

Russian Version Refuted

Berlin, Apr. 23.

The Russian version of an alleged incident involving two Red Army sergeants was refuted tonight in a statement issued by British authorities.

The text of the reply to the Soviet charge—levelled at last night's meeting of the Allied Command—stated that the two Russian sergeants were manhandled and seriously injured in an incident at Spandau (part of the British sector of Berlin) involving, allegedly, British military police, asserts that the Soviet sergeants were arrested following reports of shooting in the Spandau area, connected with threats to two German women living in that area.

The Russians evaded the first attempt at arrest, as they were able to enter the Soviet zone. Later, however, they returned to Spandau and were reported to be again threatening the women, and a British military police officer was sent to prevent this.

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Failure To Reach Agreement

London, Apr. 23.

The International Wheat Conference adjourned yesterday after failing to reach an agreement on world prices and allocations.

The conference adopted the U.S. proposal to refer back to the International Wheat Council in Washington.

The final action came after the United Kingdom and India (two of the biggest importers) announced that they would not sign a tentative long-term contract which was drafted here. The draft had fixed the maximum price at \$1.80 a bushel.

The conference accepted unanimously the U.S. proposal to send the document to the Council at the earliest possible date and at the same time invite other countries who were not present to join the Council and to participate in future discussions.

Delegates from Argentina (which earlier declined to participate in the price controls) attended the final plenary session as observers.—Associated Press.

Anti-Bandit Drive In Kwangtung

Canton, Apr. 24.

A second batch of about 600 soldiers of the 92nd Brigade is expected to arrive today at Kwangchowwan to join in the suppression of bandits north of that port in Southwest Kwangtung.

The troops were sent here in the mv. "Kwaiwah" on the Canton-Hongkong run, which was commandeered by the military authorities.

The first contingent of about 600 was sent by the mv. "Cheng Hsiang" last week.

In addition to the regulars, about 1,000 provincial guards are participating in the drive.

The military here is bent on annihilating the outlaws in Southwest Kwangtung and near the Kwangsi border.

Their strength is about 2,600.—Associated Press.

Arab Detained In U.S.

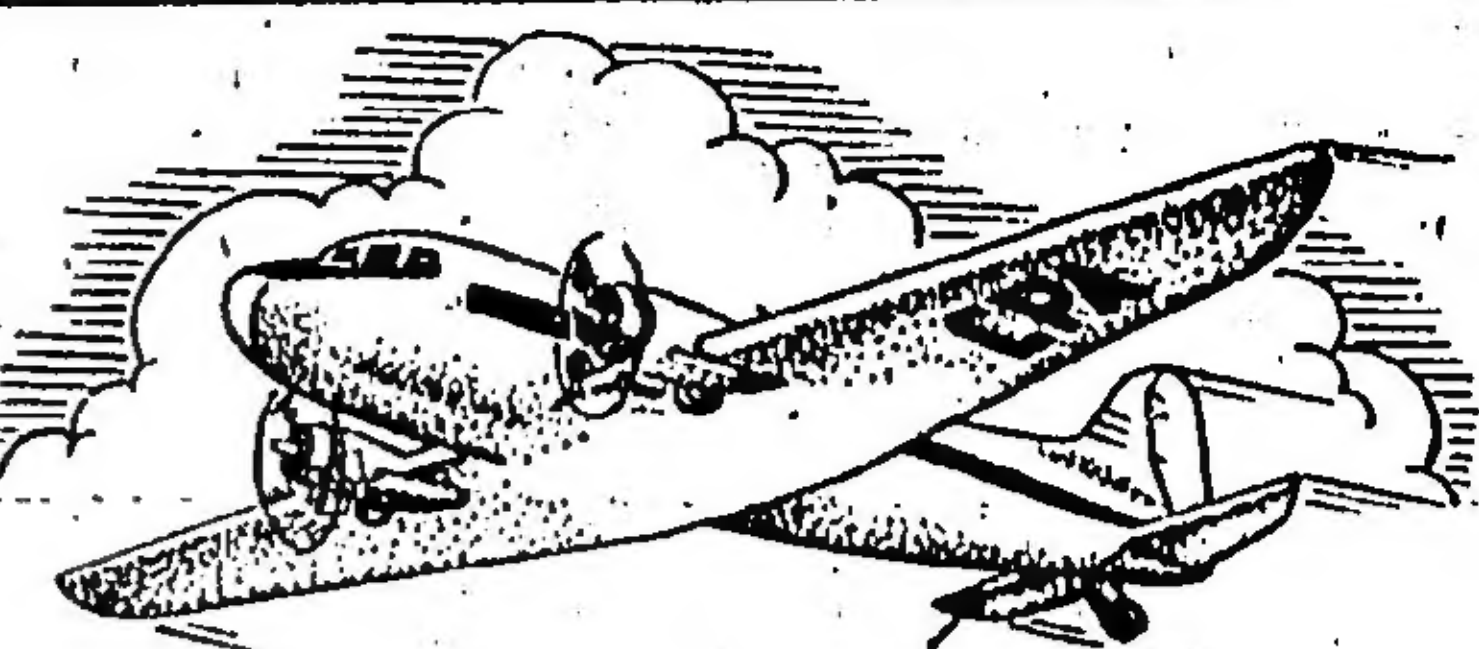
Washington, Apr. 23.

The Arab office here today said that the United States authorities had detained Akram Abdul Rahim, private secretary to the Director of the Arab Office in London and Washington for four days when he arrived in New York early this month.

No explanation was given. Rahim was held at Ellis Island—immigration and customs office—from April 7 to 11, inclusive.

Rahim is now in Washington assisting the Arab Office's Director, Musa Bey Alamy. An Arab Office spokesman denied the reports circulating in the Middle East that Rahim was "under arrest" and had not yet been released.—Reuter.

He was reported to be in a poor condition. In a telephone interview, Doctor Alfred J. Halliwell, Professor of Anthropology in Chicago, said that he was "too shocked" to discuss the shooting.—Associated Press.



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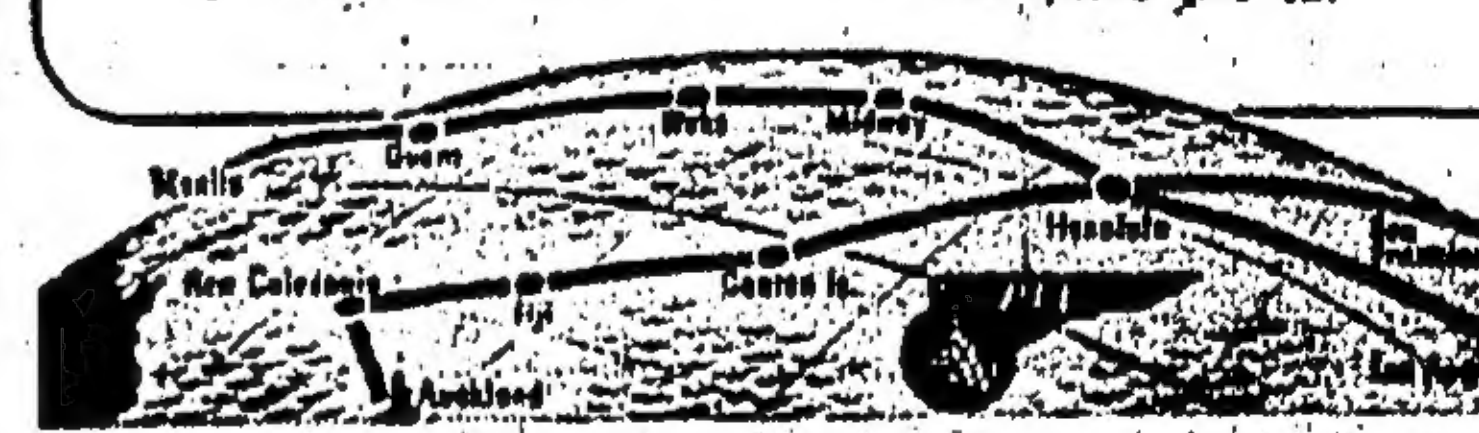
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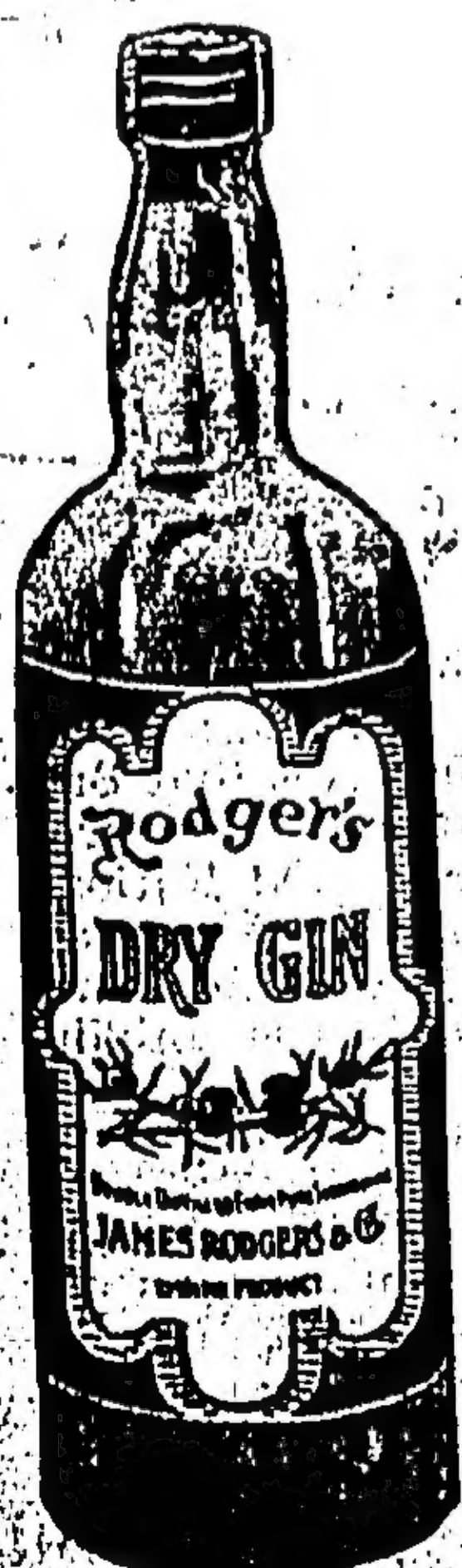
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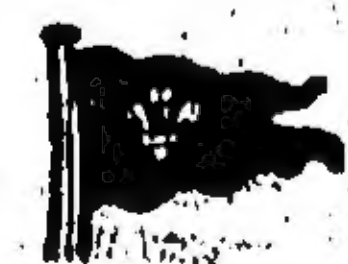
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H.K. FIRE INSURANCE ANNUAL MEETING

A year of highly satisfactory working was reported at the second post-war shareholders annual meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., held yesterday in the Board Room of Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. A surplus of \$823,826 was reported for the year 1946, and a credit of \$856,495 on working account for 1946.

Payment of a dividend of \$8 per share and transfer of the balance of the 1945 surplus to Re-insurance Fund was approved by the meeting.

Mr. D. F. Landale, who presided, said in part:—

"The results of the company's working for the year 1946 which we now present to you can be considered as very satisfactory. The amount having run off with a credit balance of \$823,826, the fourth best we have had. This is the more gratifying in view of the fact that premium income fell by \$200,000 as compared with that received during the year 1944; this drop in revenue is due chiefly to decline in our sterling operations following the cessation of hostilities. "When compared with the year 1945, losses were up at \$664, as against \$848; charges were up slightly from \$1,742 to \$1,842; the percentage of profit resulting being 29.42% as compared with 25.75%.

"The balance at credit of 1946 Working Account, after twelve months, is \$856,495, a slight increase on that for the year 1945 at the same period. The amount shown as increase in premium income of \$116,256 and a rise in interest of \$30,710 as compared with that for the previous year. The former is due in the main to resumption of operations in the Far East and the latter to interest received on Hong Kong mortgages and local shares. Charges show a material increase but this is to be expected following the resumption of Head Office

Restrictions

"Reference was made last year to the restrictions imposed by the Chinese Government on the issue of policies and the remittance of premiums and of the effect this was having on our operations in China. I regret to say that the situation has not improved since that time. I have an explanation to make in connection with the resolution that will shortly come before you with regard to the re-appointment of our directors, Messrs. Lowe, Matheson and Messrs. Perry Smith & Co. in view of present day costs, they requested that consideration should be given to an adjustment in their fees and your Board agreed to increase same by 100% to date back to January, 1st, 1946, thus allowing of the standard fees being payable in respect of the audit completed. To regularize the position I shall be glad if the proposal of the motion presented and the auditors and increasing their remuneration will make the latter retrospective to the beginning of the year 1946.

"I now propose the following resolution:— "That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$8 per share, the transfer of \$823,826 to the credit of Re-insurance Fund and the payment to the Staff of a bonus of 10% upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. M. H. Turner and carried unanimously. The resolution of Messrs. F. C. Barry, H. D. Benham, C. Bernard Brown, W. A. Stewart, R. T. Williamson and the Hon. Mr. H. K. Lo to the effect that a Committee be appointed to consider the Committee was proposed by Mr. L. K. Koon-chun, seconded by Mr. John Fleming, and passed unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. D. F. Landale, Messrs. Lowe & Matheson and Perry Smith & Co. were re-appointed auditors. Supporting Mr. Landale in the chair were Mr. F. C. Barry, Mr. H. D. Benham, F. C. Barry, H. D. Benham, C. Bernard Brown, W. A. Stewart, R. T. Williamson, H. K. Lo, L. K. Koon-chun, M. H. Turner, M. H. Lo, J. H. Smith, M. W. Lo, B. H. Ross, J. Fleming and D. Hume.

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'Skeleton' Challenges Drama Critic

Paris, Apr. 23.

Lise Merville, a leading French actress, has challenged the dramatic critic who called her a "skeleton" to a duel with pistols.

Roger Dornes, who is in the uncomfortable position of being the first man in the long and colourful history of French duelling to be challenged by a woman, is pointedly avoiding newsmen who call to ask whether he plans to accept the challenge.

The office of the weekly "Spectator," which published the criticism, says he does not wish to receive his fellow

NO EXTRA PAY FOR FAGS

London, Apr. 23.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, today turned down a suggestion that pay to men of the armed forces should be increased to help them pay the new price of 4d for a packet of 20 cigarettes.

Mr. Alexander, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that when the post-war rates of pay were fixed, the expected increase in the tobacco tax was taken into consideration.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The market closed at noon and respect for the late Mr. J. T. Sargent, who passed away suddenly this morning. During the short session the market was steady with the exception of Trans which advanced 1/2%.

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A.S. WATSON'S CONVICTED ON PRICE CONTROL CHARGE**A. S. Watson & Company, Ltd., of the Alexandra Building, was convicted and fined \$25 by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for selling a bottle of 100 alphen pills at \$4 (\$3.30) to Mrs. N. K. Latimer, wife of Mr. Latimer, Magistrate of Kowloon Police Court, on January 20, last.**

Mr. H. J. Armstrong pleaded not guilty on behalf of Watsons, while Mr. Pitman, of the Price Control Section of S. T. & I., prosecuted.

Mrs. Latimer said she went to Watsons on January 20 and asked for 100 pills of alphen pills. She waited for 25 minutes and was given a bottle of the pills by the manager, who asked for \$4.

She said she counted the pills on reaching home, the number being 100. She checked the controlled price and found it was \$3.30 for 100 pills and subsequently she informed the S. T. & I.

Fluctuated

To Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Latimer said she always bought alphen pills in 100s from Watsons at various prices, \$3.90, \$4 and \$3.30. As the prices fluctuated, she finally checked the controlled price list.

Before informing the S. T. & I., Mrs. Latimer said she also told her husband, when she purchased the pills, she did know the controlled price.

She denied that the manager told her there were 125 pills worth \$4 in the bottle and that she asked for alphen pills only without mentioning the exact number.

To a further question by Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Latimer declared that she reported to the S. T. & I. not because of the 70 cents but because of the principle that the public should report such over-charges. She had no personal grudge.

Chief Dispenser's Evidence

Mr. Pitman said the Price Control Section appreciated Mrs. Latimer's initiative and would always welcome reports of overcharges from the public. Giving evidence, Mr. H. P. Hunt, qualified chemist and

chief dispenser of Watsons, said he remembered Mrs. Latimer coming to the shop for alphen pills on January 20.

Mr. Hunt said Mrs. Latimer only asked for alphen pills and did not mention the exact number of pills she wanted. The shop had only 1,000 loose pills and he instructed Chan Hau, in the dispensary, to prepare a bottle of 125 pills, worth \$4.

Mr. Hunt said he informed Mrs. Latimer that he was giving her \$4 worth of pills.

Told Boy

To Mr. Pitman, witness said he knew that the controlled price of alphen pills was \$3.30 for 100. He disagreed that it was far easier to avoid mistakes by selling 100 pills at \$3.30.

Mr. Pitman pointed out that 125 pills would work out at \$4.12 according to the controlled price.

Chan Hau said he remembered Mr. Hunt instructing him to prepare a bottle of 125 alphen pills that day. Chan said he told a boy, Fung Hing, to count the pills and prepare the bottle.

Counted Pills

Fung Hing said he personally counted every pill and prepared the bottle of 125 pills on the instructions of last witness.

Summing up, Mr. Armstrong said it was difficult to imagine that the chief dispenser of the Watsons would deliberately overcharge 70 cents while knowing the controlled price and the consequences for overcharging.

Mr. Armstrong said he would suggest that Mrs. Latimer was not so certain of the number of pills in the bottle that she bought that day.

He asked for dismissal of the case.

Possible Mistake

Giving judgment, Mr. d'Almada said: "Considering the facts before me, I cannot doubt the evidence of the witness for the prosecution that it was always her custom to ask for 100 pills."

"I have no doubt she did so on this occasion and received 100 pills. Possibly there might have been a mistake on the part of Mr. Hunt."

"I doubt that any chemist would supply 125 pills to a customer without informing the customer," Mr. d'Almada concluded.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals (Wednesday): Y. H. Ching, Miss D. H. Hall, T. G. Gray, R. M. Poldy, D. Munro-Smith, J. de Leon, S. M. Gato, and V. L. Sergeant.

Peninsula Hotel departures (Wednesday): T. L. Butler, Beijing Li and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cate.

A sentence of seven years' hard labour and ten strokes of the cane was passed by Mr. Justice Williams (Pulne Judge) on Lam Wah, who was yesterday found guilty on a charge of armed robbery.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Airmail for Manila P.L. (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy, noon.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Tientsin (Kwanchowwan), 10 a.m.

Shanghai, noon.

Swatow, 2 p.m.

Shanghai and Honolulu, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 a.m.

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UNARMED FRAULEINS

Berlin, Apr. 23.—Five hundred francs soon will be pounding boats as members of the Berlin Police Department. Allied officials said today.

A British military spokesman, when asked if the skirted police would be armed, replied: "No, thank God!"—United Press.

Girls All Over The Ship

The ss. "Fort Stephenson" has been the latest victim of mass female invasion, according to evidence adduced at the Marine Court yesterday, when eleven girls in their teens or early twenties were arraigned for unlawful boarding for an unspecified purpose.

S/L Roberts, prosecuting, said the girls were apprehended on board ship on April 22, and they were "all over the place."

When asked by the Magistrate (Mr. Garland) what they had to say, all the girls merely asked for leniency. This plea was endorsed by the prosecuting officer who said a light fine might meet the case.

A fine of \$15 each, or two weeks hard labour, was imposed. One girl, who was absent, had her bail of \$50 estimated.

A similar sentence was passed on another girl, Chan Sauying, for the same offence in the ss. "Lyster Sagan." Her companion, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$50 estimated.

A new arrival from Swatow, Lam Yiu, was discharged with a caution for unlawfully boarding the ss. "Pak Hoi" on his pleading ignorance of the law.

Joined Triad For Protection

"The proper persons to go for protection are the Police and not members of triad societies," said Mr. W. I. Latimer to Lau Leung, 31, painter, when accused pleaded that he joined the Cheung Ching Wah Triad Society in order to seek protection against a repetition of the beatings he had recently received at the hands of hoodlums.

Lau was arrested by S.I. N. A. Clarke at King's Park at 5.45 a.m. on April 21 while helping Wu Leung, 39, unemployed, to carry an iron rod, valued at \$50, which Wu admitted had been stolen from the Engineers Base Depot at Chatham Road.

Charged with the larceny of the iron bar, Lau pleaded that he was asked by Wu to help him to carry it. For this he was to be paid \$5. His plea was accepted by Det-Inspector C. Pope and the charge was withdrawn.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed on Wu, while Lau was fined \$50 or two weeks' hard labour on the charge of being a member of a triad society.

Promotions & Appointments H.K.V.D.C. Part 2 Orders No. 2 dated 24/9/45 para. 4 is cancelled. 1258 Col. Simpson, W.C. Reinstated in the rank of Btl. w.e.f. 5/3/42.

H.K.V.D.C. ORDERS

Orders by: Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell O.B.E., E.D., Commanding H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 18/47 dated April 24, 1947.

1. Command: Lieut. Col. H. H. Hughes, H.K.V.D.C., assumes the appointment of Acting Commandant of the Corps on April 25, 1947 vice Lieut. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., H.K.V.D.C., resigned.

2. Efficiency Decoration: Efficiency Medal and Clasp: (1) Applications in respect of the Efficiency Decoration by Officers of the Corps will be submitted to the Adjutant General's Office will be shown in detail, i.e. Unit, Year, Months, Days. (2) Applications in respect of the Efficiency Medal and Clasp in respect of W.O.s and N.C.O.s and men of the Corps will be forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office in detail. (3) Particulars of Qualifying service may be had on application to the Orderly Room. (4) All previous applications in respect of the Decoration, Medal and Clasp will be re-submitted. (5) Where War Service in the 1914-18 War is claimed as double qualifying service, a separate certificate by the Adjutant General's Office will be required. (6) The effect, setting out the circumstances, i.e. that he actually served outside the territory or Colony of the force of which he was a member or that he was a member of the force of which he was a member, accepted before November 11, 1918 an obligation to do so. (Part 2 Orders, Orders No. 18/47).

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SAIGON FIGHT BACK Creditable Win In Last Match

Saigon staged a wonderful recovery in their last football game in Hong Kong at Causeway Bay yesterday when they beat Combined Chinese by five goals to three after being two goals down at the interval.

A good goal by Due in the opening minutes of the second half put life into the Saigon team and for a considerable period they were continually in the Chinese half. Not long after, Due equalised and from the next 20 minutes Saigon played very well, using their wingers to great advantage, and added three goals, including a penalty.

The game was marked by the attacking of two players, one from each side, in the closing stages of the game for fighting. There were no serious injuries, but the players behaved well. After this incident, play became somewhat ragged, and the final whistle came as a great relief.

The Chinese fielded the same team with the exception of Chau Man-chi, which beat the Hong Kong side in the final of the Governor's Cup Competition recently. Lee Shek-yun was seen on the left wing with Cheuk Shek-lam in inside left.

Chinese attacked strongly in the first half and within a few minutes had taken the lead when Lau Wing-kwong, the right half, scored. This reverse stung the Saigon team and they attacked strongly but Fook Yui-wai and Tse Kam-hung were sound and cleared well.

Saigon Improve
Hong Hing-yuk, the Chinese centre half, was having a trying time against Tho and Due, but he was well backed by Lo Wai-kuen and Lau Wing-kwong, who also kept the fast Saigon wingers in check.

Combined Chinese went further ahead through a penalty scored by Cheuk Shek-lam. With the wind in their favour the Chinese kept up the attack and Queyer was kept continually busy. All the danger came from the centre where Chan Tak-fai and Lee Bing-chui played a great game. Lee Shek-yun was well held by Yen and Tse Kam-hung did not have things his own way against Yang.

Saigon started in whirlwind fashion in the second half. Paoi moved up right with his forwards and opened the game well sending a goal passes to his wingers who were now playing much better. Tho the leader, revealed his best form, opening up the game well, and, with good support from Due and Bar, the Saigon forwards, were a continual danger when on the attack.

Yu Kai-yun was being peppered with shots from all directions and Hong Hing-yuk the pivot, had to fall back to assist the hard pressed defence with the result that the Chinese forwards had a free for themselves. Added to all this the Chinese wingers were playing below par. Lee Shek-yun seldom sent over a worthy while centre and was slow and inaccurate in his shooting.

Chinese Puzzled
A breakthrough to Tho and an accurate pass to Due enabled the latter to reduce the lead early in the second half and after a period of attack Due equalised. Following good work by Tho and Bao. These successes appeared to be more than what the Saigon team had expected and for the next ten minutes they played good football and had the Chinese team puzzled with their short and accurate passing. The best Fook for possession, and gave the Saigon team the lead.

Saigon kept the Chinese penned in their own half for the greater part of the remainder of the game and within the next ten minutes had gone further ahead through goals scored by Tho, a penalty, and Due, for the latter to register his last trick.

Combined Chinese had two good chances to reduce the lead but were caught offside. Before then Leung Bing-chui scored for them.

Hong Kong:—Yu Kai-yun, Fook Yui-wai and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Wing-kwong, Hong Hing-yuk and Lo Wai-kuen; Tse Kam-ho, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Bing-chui, Cheuk Shek-lam and Lee Shek-yun.

Saigon:—Queyer, Mamosa and Yang Yen, Paoi, and Choung May, Due, Tho, Bao and Trong.

Football In Scotland

London, Apr. 23.
Results of football games played in Scotland today were:

Scottish "B" Division: Cowdenbeath 2 Alloa 0; Dundee 5 Raith Rovers 1; Stehouster 4 Albion Rovers 1.

Glasgow: Charlton Cup, 1st round: Clyde 1 Partick Thistle 4.

The Scottish Football Association have chosen 14 players to tour the Continent in May. They are: Miller (Celtic), Young (Rangers), J. Shaw (Hibernians), D. Shaw (Hibernians), Brown (Partick Thistle), Wardburn (Rangers), Forbes (Sheffield United), Waddell (Rangers), McLaren (Preston North End), Campbell (Falkirk), Flavel (Airdrieonians), Steele (Morton), Pearson (Newcastle United).

The team will fly to Amsterdam on May 16.—Reuter.

DOCK TEAM

The following will represent Dockyard against Devons at soccer today:

Hammill, Baker, Anstis, Stewart, Clegate, Pennam, Dempster, Stevens, Richie, Troun and Perry.

Mr. C.M. Sequeira: A Tribute

(By Recorder)

It was with deep regret that the local chess community received the news of the death on Wednesday morning at his home in Kowloon Tong of the Colony's first ranking chess player, C.M. Sequeira.

The late Mr. Sequeira, in his most brilliant period between 1926 and 1935, was six times Colony Champion in what could well be considered the brightest decade in the history of chess in Hong Kong.

It was then that he met and conquered in their prime such legendary figures in the local chess world as Sir Henry Pollock, D.E. de Carvalho, S.G. Hayles, H.W. Randall, L.A. Benaim, the late A.D. Sequeira (his brother) and Victor Rush. In this period he was also three times runner-up for the Colony title. He was second to Sir Henry Pollock in 1928, to D.E. de Carvalho in 1930 and to D.E. de Carvalho in 1931. He was seven times winner of the Kowloon Chess Club Championship and once runner-up, to H.W. Randall in 1929.

He retired from competitive chess after 1935 and was only attracted back to tournament play in 1941 by a new crop of good chess players. In winning the Kowloon Chess Club Championship, he finished ahead of such stiff competition as G.S. Coxhead, L. Karapovich, and Karel Weiss. In the tournament for the Colony title that followed, he lost twice to L. Karapovich, whose sudden meteoric rise to the Colony title was the surprise of the season.

He nevertheless finished ahead of Karel Weiss, then in his best season, G.S. Coxhead, the late E. Zimmerman, and D.E. de Carvalho, conceding only a draw to Weiss in disposing of the rest of the field in a double-round tournament.

The late Mr. Sequeira held the distinction of having put up the

Services Athletics Finals

The finals of the Combined Services Athletic Association Championships will be contested this afternoon at the Caroline Hill Stadium.

The following are the finalists: 100 yds.—Cpl. Higgs Buffs, Sgt. Drayton Cdo, Pte. Smith Devons, Pte. Liggins Devons, Pte. Innskip Devons, Cpl. Baxter R.A.F.

220 yds.—Pte. Turner Devons, Pte. Liggins Devons, Pte. Monaghan Buffs, L/Bdr. Elliot 25 Fd. RA, Sgt. Drayton Cdo, Cpl. Hicks Buffs.

440 yds.—2/Lt. Broadly Buffs, L/Cdr. Briggs R.N., Major Ormsby W. Yorks, Capt. Goldsmith Devons, Cpl. Bowring Devons, Sgt. Barr Devons.

880 yds.—2/Lt. Jackson Buffs, Pte. R.N., Maltby R.N., Neville R.A.F., Pte. Ward Devons, Major Ormsby W. Yorks.

1 Mile.—Whitfield R.N., McLeod R.N., F/Lt. Kennel R.A.F., Sgt. Jones R.A.F., C/Sgt. R.N. Devons, Pte. Stokes Devons, Pte. Shrumpton Devons, L/Cpl. Brewer Devons.

3 Miles.—Mae. Baker Cdo, Wright R.N., Yankie R.N., Lewis R.N., Sgt. Clarke Buffs, Pte. Barton Devons.

Half Mile.—Mae. Baker Cdo, Cpl. Arrowsmith Buffs, L/Cpl. Stowbridge Devons, L/Cpl. Killick Devons, Cpl. Kennedy Devons, Pte. Long Devons.

1 Mile.—Guest Cdo, Mae. Absalom Cdo, Druge R.N., Maltby R.N., Pte. Larson Buffs, Pte. Vangstrup Buffs, Sgt. Webster R.A.F., Pte. Gibbs Devons.

Long Jump.—Martin R.N., Pte. Smith Devons, Pte. Jensen Buffs, Sgt. Webster R.A.F., Cpl. Baxter R.A.F., Cpl. Musson Devons.

High Jump.—Bdr. Bissel 25 Fd. RA, Pte. Dixon Devons, Pte. Smith Devons, Cpl. Mitchell Devons, Cpl. Arrowsmith Buffs, Pte. Turner Devons.

Shot.—Pte. Larson Buffs, Sgt. Lovelidge Buffs, Pte. Vangstrup Buffs, Pte. Christians Buffs, Pte. Tyler Buffs, Mae. Absalom Cdo.

Javelin.—Sgt. Webster R.A.F., Pte. Vangstrup Buffs, L/Cpl. Killian Buffs, Thompson R.N., Sgt. Dadds Cdo, Pte. Anderson Buffs.

GOVERNOR DEFENDS INCOME TAX

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"No, we recognize that the opposition is due to a conviction held by many people in this Colony that this is not the best or the most appropriate form of taxation for Hong Kong. The Council will expect me to be perfectly frank on this point, and I have to say quite frankly that the Government is of a contrary opinion. The Government has taken into its consideration all the representations that have been made on this point and it remains of the opinion that a measure of direct taxation is the most appropriate method of providing for some of the essential expenditure of this Colony in present circumstances.

Not Doctrinaire
"I want to make it quite clear that this is not a mere doctrinaire opinion hatched out by a Governor or a Financial Secretary in the privacy of his office, nor yet an opinion imposed upon this Government from without regardless of local opinion and local conditions. It is a conclusion at which the Government did not arrive until it had called into being a Taxation Committee composed of twelve persons, including its Secretary, of whom only three persons, again including the Secretary, were officials. That Committee was asked to make a specific recommendation on the subject of the introduction of an Income Tax and it was in accordance with their recommendation that this Bill was introduced, and published, as Honorable Members know, some seven weeks ago with an explanatory memorandum in which the terms of the Taxation Committee's recommendation were set out.

"My Honorable friend the Financial Secretary has given an account in some detail of subsequent developments, which have resulted in very considerable modifications being made in the Bill. It was, as Honorable Members know, the result of a second reference to the Taxation Committee, enlarged by the inclusion in its number of all the Official Members of this Council, that the standard rate has been inserted in the Bill at the figure—the not unduly onerous figure, may I say?—of ten per cent.

No Undue Haste
"I hope that enough has been said both by the Honorable Financial Secretary in introducing this Bill and by myself to satisfy the Council firstly that these things are not being done in a corner, and secondly that they are not being done with undue or unreasonable rapidity.

"Nine months have elapsed since this Council was informed by the Financial Secretary that the Government had under consideration the question of direct taxation under the old War Revenue Ordinance should be replaced by a more normal form of Income Tax Law, and more than seven months have passed since another clear indication was given by myself to this Council of the fact that the Government would have to consider the re-introduction in this post war period of a measure of direct taxation, and during the past seven weeks this Council and the public have had an opportunity of studying and commenting upon the proposals embodied in the Bill, an opportunity of which full advantage has been taken and which has resulted, as I have explained, in substantial modifications being made in its terms.

Time Presses
"But here I do feel that in some sense time does press. It is proposed that the second reading of this Bill shall be taken on May 1, that is to say on this day week. And the reason for this is twofold.

"In the first place, a month will already have passed since the commencement of the financial year in respect of which it is proposed that this revenue measure shall operate, and for administrative reasons it is desirable that the measure shall be upon the statute book not much after that date; and, secondly, I am acutely conscious of the fact that the time for my own departure from Hong Kong will by then be drawing very near.

"Honorable Members will, I am sure, understand me when I say that I do consider it to be my duty to this Colony to see that the question does not remain undecided at the time of my departure.

"I should not put this forward as a reason for proceeding with any undue precipitancy, in this or in any other matter, and I sincerely trust that no Honorable Members will in fact find that the interval between first and second readings is unduly short. If it should prove to be so, I shall hope nevertheless to have that Hon. Member's understanding and indulgence.

Correct Policy
"As regards the need—may I be said, in fact it has been said, that our other revenue estimates have been framed on a conservative basis, that they are sure to be exceeded, and that we can quite safely enter upon the expenditure of 1947-48 without making provision in our Revenue estimates for the full amount which is required. I do not believe that many thinking people can really hold that such an attitude of optimism would be justified at the present time, or that we ought to neglect at this juncture from a policy of some value.

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Winning pitcher, Ted Embree.
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—Associated Press.

Funeral
The funeral of the late Mr. Carlos Maria Sequeira took place yesterday evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley. The Rev. Fr. A. Granelli conducted the service at the graveside.

The principal mourners were the late Mr. Sequeira's two sons, Melchor and F.X. Sequeira. He leaves also three daughters, Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. E. Boydell and Miss Cecilia Sequeira.

which we live in a state of flux. Over the past twelve months our aggregate revenue has certainly been healthy, but we have observed considerable fluctuations in the yield from month to month. And if revenue were to settle down at the level of one of the lower months, our position would not be happy.

"Whether it will or not I cannot pretend to forecast—but allowance must certainly be made for the possibility. If the figures at the end of the year should prove that the Government has been unduly cautious, I think it will still be able to maintain that its policy at the beginning of the financial year 1947-48 was the correct policy, and I am quite sure that it will not find that any surplus that may arise from this happy state will be an embarrassment to the Government of the Colony on the ground that there are no pressing and vital needs to which it is proper to devote it. Our planning must not stop at the balancing of our budget. We hope to finance our rehabilitation expenditure up to the end of March 1948 with proceeds of the loan. That will entail capital expenditure of sixty million dollars this year and the charging of approximately forty million dollars to the loan in respect of special rehabilitation expenditure during the past year. But March 1948 will not see the end of our expenditure on rehabilitation work and large sums must be found for this purpose during the year 1948-49.

Many Commitments
"Any borrowing which we are forced to make over and above the figure of a hundred million must be restricted to the lowest possible figure so that even if the present boom should continue and we are so fortunate as to come to the end of this financial year with a surplus we shall undoubtedly need every cent of that surplus for absolutely essential expenditure. There are all sorts of commitments piling up for the future.

"We shall be forced to spend large sums over a period of years on extensions to our water supply. We must have a new airfield and we cannot expect one to be built unless we make a substantial contribution towards the cost. The Development Committee which is now sitting is about to make its recommendations, and they will certainly involve considerable expenditure from our own resources if they are to be proceeded with. And then there is the Post Office, which is still hanging over us on which negotiations with His Majesty's Government are in progress. The United Kingdom is said to be the most heavily taxed country in the world today and it is too much to expect that our representations in regard to these war payments will be sympathetically received unless we for our part make adequate and even painful efforts at least to pay our way fully in the future.

"The Council will appreciate that in addition to the reasons which have already been given for the passing of this Bill into law, there is the reason that this Bill will serve to convince His Majesty's Government that these efforts are in fact being made."

The Bill was then read for the first time.

K.C.C. CRICKET TEAM
The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in a match against HQ Land Forces on Saturday at Cox's Path ground, starting at 2 p.m.:—R. E. Lee (capt), C. I. Stapleton, S. A. Gray, A. Zimmerman, C. Pope, K. Lo, F. A. Broadbridge, V. H. White, Dr. Willis, V. C. Bond and F. E. Lawrence.

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K.C.C. BOWLS
The following will represent K.C.C. in their return lawn bowls match against Crutcher's on Sunday at the K.C.C. ground:—Mr. Howard, V. Lebrun, E. C. Fletcher and F. Goodwin (skip).

Mr. J. H. Bailey, T. Lock and W. H. (Guest) (skip).

Public Dinner In H.E.'s Honour

The public dinner which the unofficial members of Councils are getting up in honour of His Excellency Sir Mark Young and Lady Young at the Hong Kong Hotel on May 7, on the eve of their departure, may prove to be one of the biggest demonstrations of popular goodwill and esteem towards a departing Governor of the Colony.

Already over 150 persons from all sections of the community have subscribed to the function which is open to ladies as well as men; and more are joining daily. The sponsors are extending an invitation to as many people as possible to take part in paying their respects to His Excellency and Lady Young.

No Governor has so endeared himself to the community as Sir Mark who can be said to have shared more in its trials and tribulations than in its happiness and prosperity. Arriving to take up his post at the brink of the Colony's disaster, he spent the next three years and eight months in internment like all loyal citizens; and long before he had recovered his health he was back again to guide the Colony through the most difficult period of its post war rehabilitation. His departure will be a sad loss to the Colony.

Members of the community who wish to take part in the dinner are requested to get in touch with any of the following:—Mr. A. Morse, (Hong Kong Bank); Dr. S. N. Chua (China Buildings); Mr. Lee d'Almeida e Castro (Prince's Building); and Mr. D. Ruttonjee (Duddell St.).

Europeans In Eviction Case

The hearing of an application by Mrs. Bertha Pears (represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva) for the eviction of Mr. D. Dedear from a fully furnished room with private bathroom and verandah on the second floor of 4 Knight Street was contested yesterday on the ground that defendant had not received prior notice that the Tribunal was to sit.

Mr. Dedear added that he had on three previous occasions attended at the Kowloon Magistracy only to learn that the hearing had been postponed due to the inability of Mr. Silva to attend. He learned of the Tribunal's intention to sit yesterday purely by coincidence.

The Tribunal, consisting of Messrs. Andrew Cheung (Chairman), P. C. Kwok and Li Tung, decided to adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on May 3 at the Supreme Court Building after evidence had been given by Mr. Weir of China Engineers, who said that from July to about the latter part of October last year he occupied a small room on the same floor as Dedear, for which he paid \$200 a month plus a proportionate sum of gas, water, electricity and telephone charges.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Silva declared that there was absolutely no possibility of the parties coming to a compromise, as Mr. Dedear was "the least, a most undesirable tenant."

Mrs. Pears based her application on the ground of non-payment of rent for the past nine months at \$300 a month. Mr. Dedear's defence was that the rent was excessive and that \$102 per month should be the correct rental.

Jerusalem Plunged In Darkness

Jerusalem, Apr. 24.
British soldiers with tommy-guns at the ready covered all strategic points in Jerusalem, including the closed city gates, after a mysterious power failure plunged the city into darkness last night.

Fearing an abortive terrorist attack, the authorities alerted all police and military forces. The fears increased because the blackout followed on the heels of the Iraqi broadcast announcing the establishment of "military courts" to try all British prisoners captured by Iraqis with sentences to be carried out by hanging or firing squads.

All traffic in the city was suspended. An unconfirmed report said the power failure was caused when a military truck collided with a street lamp, a brand new power pole was knocked down.

Menaces Charge

Committal proceedings were commenced yesterday before Mr. Latimer against Wu Yan-kam, 22, unemployed, on two charges of demanding with menaces the sum of \$2,000 from Wu Fun at 222 Temple Street, first floor, on March 24 and 27.

DSI Cliff Pope, prosecuting, said that complainant handed to him on March 25 a letter he received on the previous day and which was found to contain a demand for \$2,000 accompanied by a threat of harm to his life, his children and his property. A second letter was received on March 27, repeating the former threat.

Acting on the instruction of the Police, and DSI Pope, Wu Fun placed a bundle containing \$2,000 on the second step of the stairs leading up to his floor. Detectives Kwan Kui and So Ting, after keeping watch on the premises for two nights, arrested the accused at 4 a.m. on March 28.

When questioned, continued the prosecuting officer, accused said that he was told to write the letter by one Ah Kan, who came from Hong Kong. He wrote it and placed it under complainant's door, accused was alleged to have stated.

Hearing will be resumed on April 28.

Films Bill Passed

The British Cinematograph Film Ordinance passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Ordinance to amend the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund Ordinance 1933 passed its first reading.

Explaining the reason for the amendment, the Attorney General said that under the terms of the Ordinance, appropriations to the Fund were made by Legislative Council on January 1 each year, whilst the Colony's financial year commences on April 1 and finishes on March 31. The purpose of the Bill was to alter the date to tally with the Colony's financial year.

Also receiving approval was the amendment made by the Urban Council on April 15 to by-laws relating to market and market stalls.

Council adjourned to May 1 for the next session.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
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2.30 p.m.—Film: Memories.
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3.00 p.m.—Variety: Request Programme arranged by Lynn Fraser.
3.30 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
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4.15 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Gertrude to the Stars."
4.30 p.m.—Studio: "A Marriage has been arranged." A Dialogue by Alfred Huxley with Gordon Collyer and David Hardy.
4.50 p.m.—Musical Moments.
5.15 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Refugee make the Grade" by E. "Detouring."
5.30 p.m.—Studio: Photo Studio by Lynn Fraser.
5.45 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
6.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
6.30 p.m.—Variety: "The Nightingale."
6.45 p.m.—Studio: "The Nightingale."
7.00 p.m.—Variety: "The Nightingale."
7.15 p.m.—Studio: "The Nightingale."
7.30 p.m.—Variety: "The Nightingale."
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